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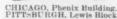
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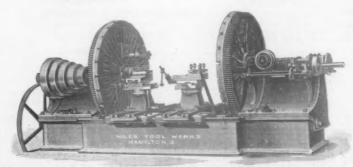
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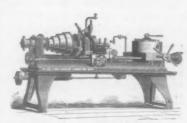
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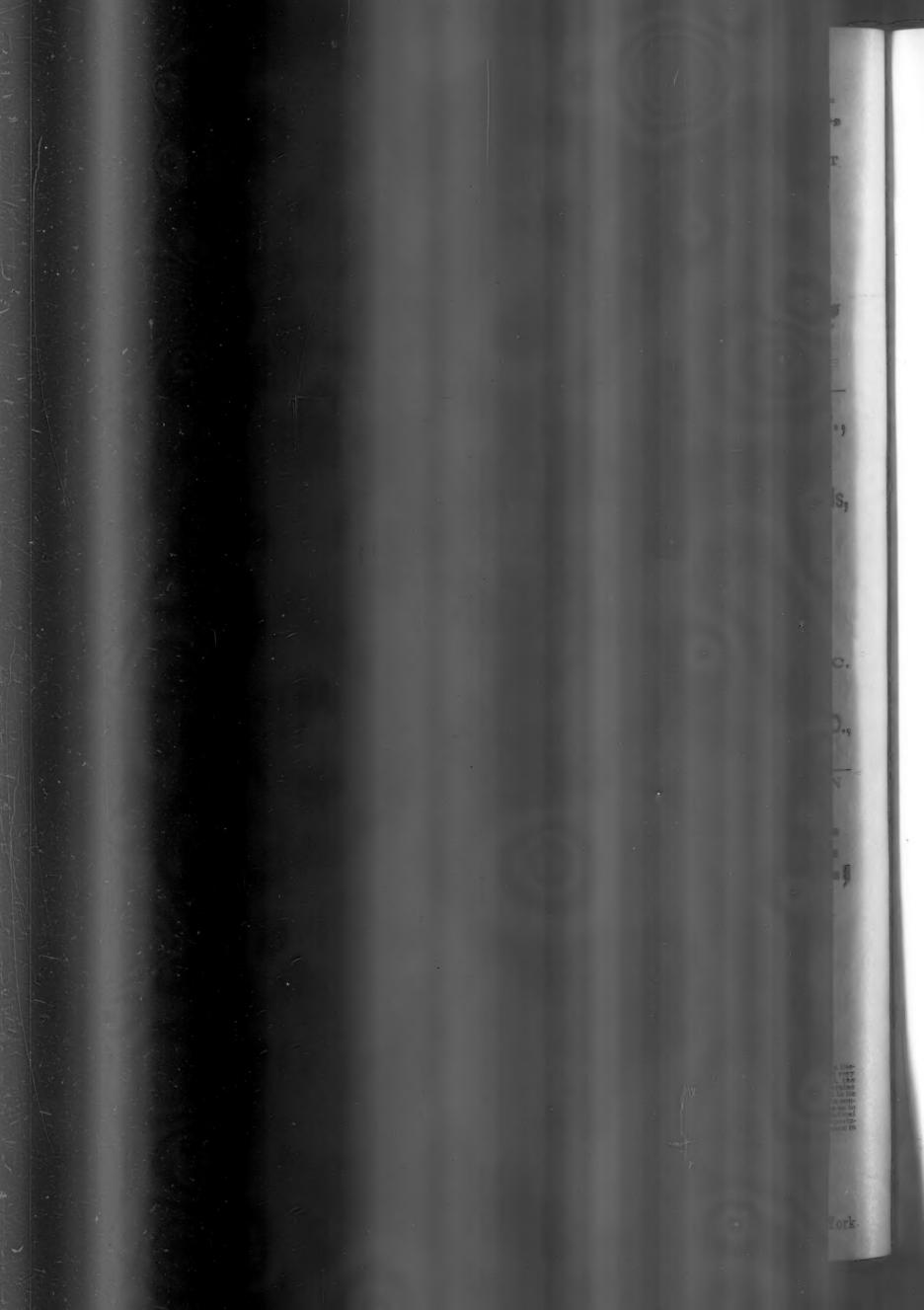
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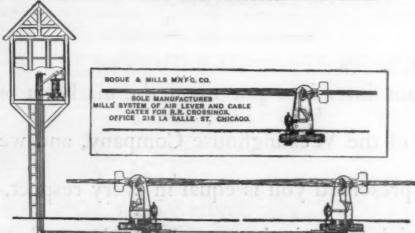
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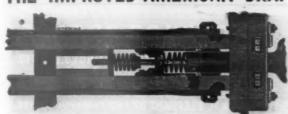
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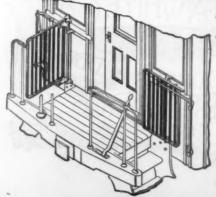
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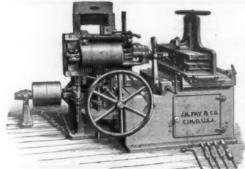
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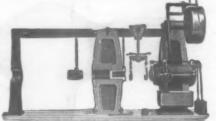
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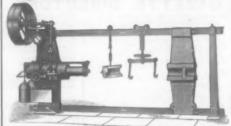
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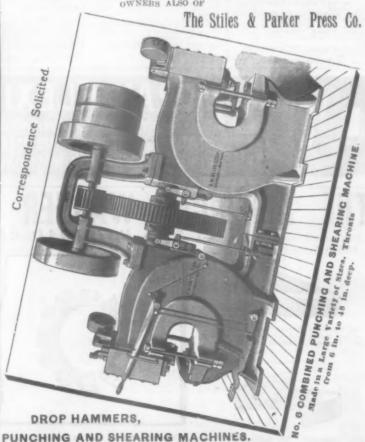
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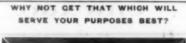
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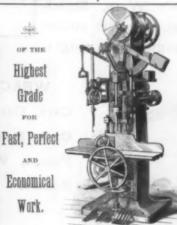
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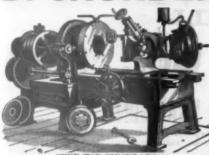
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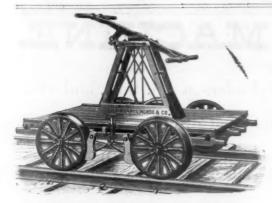
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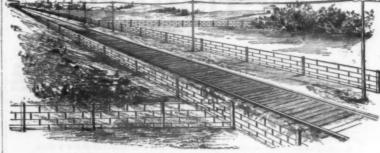
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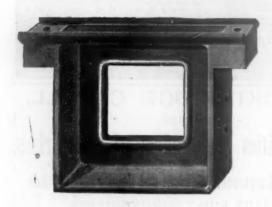
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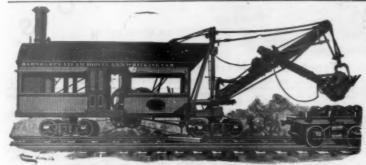
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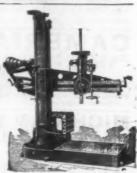
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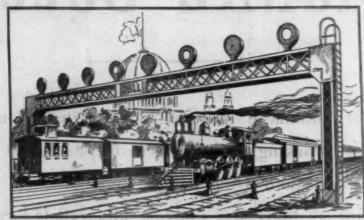


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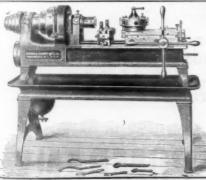
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Roller Bearings.

WEST TROY, N. Y., May 31, 1892.

To the Editor of the Railroad Gazette:

I desire to thank you for the appreciative tone of

review of the recent discussion by the New York Rail road Club on the subject of Roller Bearings.

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While it may be a question as to what extent this initial ease of movement accelerates the movement of trains, the writer does not assent to the conclusion that it is less effective in a rapid start than in starting slow. ly. The ultimate speed of a train cannot be attained at a bound, and it would seem that a uniform obviation of from 85 to 90 per cent, of static resistance would effect results, at the moment of starting, with all While the principal advantages realized from trains. the use of these bearings are the saving in motive power and fuel, together with the higher speed which they render possible, a proper estimate of their value requires that other important advantages which they secure shall also be taken into account. Among these may be men-tioned the obviation of the expense of constant and copious lubrication, and the attendant results of cleanly copious lubrication, and the attendant results of cleanly tracks and running gear; the large reduction in wear (eighteen months of constant running producing no other effect upon the rollers, or the axle journals upon which they rest, than a mere polish of their surfaces) and the consequent absolute avoidance of frictional heating. The latter advantage alone is, perhaps, equal in value, though in another way, to the saving in motive

Already has the growing traffic upon our principal lines of railroad become congested, nor do the limita-tions of the present gauge admit of any appreciable en-largement of capacity other than by the multiplication of trains. The demand for more rapid transit-not only between cities and their suburbs, but between all parts of the country—adds a new complication to the railroad problem, and renders still more valuable any device that will measurably lighten the burden of transportation.

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Simple vs. Complex Night Signals.

BOSTON, May 30, 1892.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RAILROAD GAZETTE:

Does your correspondent of the facetious pseudonym look forward from his covert with the pleasing anticipaof seeing his less fortunate brothers punch each others' heads over the question of night signals?
Doomed, doubtless, to disappointment, let us hope that
the balm of editorial consolation may still be his.
While I must leave "R. C. E." to look out for himself

aring red signals, which, I | year to the roads in question.

frankly confess, seems to me but adding to the color muddle, already sufficiently confused, permit me to further defend my own position in favor of showing a

emaphore form of signal by night as well as by day.

1. Consistency.—This is the jewel which the signal ecople all profess not only to be anxiously looking*for, but to sincerely admire.

2. Visibility.—On a recent test of Koyl blades, in company with the engineer of signals of a leading western road, we found the red (horizontal) night signal visible for 6,000 ft., and that this distance is far enough, your own unanswerable argument, in the editorial columns of last week's issue, abundantly confirms. Enginemen should not get accustomed to long notice (with the risk of overlooking change of signal meantime), but should get their word of command immediately before they are

get their word of command immediately before they are to execute it, and in no uncertain terms.

3. Distinctiveness; clearness and certainty of meaning. A light too strong and brilliant, especially if direct instead of reflected, produces the well known phenomena of irradiation and change of form (which is what Dr. Jeffries probably alludes to), but it would indeed be ridiculous to insist on merely unnecessary intensity, valuable in pyrotechnics, but not in railroad signaling.

4. Simplicity and Economy of Maintenance.—If posi-

tion by night is to be indicated, at least three lights must be used for each signal, by the usual system; the Koyl uses but one, which brightly illuminates each position of the arm, combined with its proper color.

The writer, in company with the signal engineer above mentioned, was recently present at an investigation on one of our eastern roads where an engineman had taken the wrong diverging main route (signaled by two arms on one post; a double distant signal would seem proper in such cases). It was night, the distant signal was set cosition, but it did not indicate which route The tower-man erroneously gave the left in the clear position hand route, the upper home signal was against the en gineman, and his train went over the switch to the left instead of the right. In this case he had to see four lights and to determine in short time which of the two patterns meant his route; whether two vertical green lights above two horizontal red lights, or two vertical green lights below two horizontal red lights were for him or not, might mean life or death to himself and pas-sengers. He on this occasion decided (!) wrongly, or else forgot the combination. Curiously enough, he testified that the signals stood exactly opposite to the position they must have been in. Here is where the illuminated form-signal by night, identical with that by day, proves its right to exist.

5. With regard to signal colors, if (as is the case with the illuminated semaphore) white for "all clear" can be made distinctive and unmistakable, I favor it, not only for that reason, but also in order to retain three and well-tried colors for safety, caution and danger.

Now, I am but a plain man, and no one has ever ex cused his tears by accusing any eloquence of mine as their cause, but it won't do to let our old fogyism (of which we all have a share, perhaps) pooh-pooh every substantial improvement, without even attempting to face good facts and good logic. As for prowlers and "boomerangs" (I thank thee, Jew, for that word), let the other fellows look out for boomerangs, which are meant to strike and kill (even at a distance), and then to return harmlessly to their owner,—on the whole, quite a satisfactory kind of weapon.

C. A. HAMMOND.

The M. C. B. Rules of Interchange.

BOSTON, May 30,

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RAILROAD GAZETTE

It may be asked with propriety, what is the object of the M. C. B. Code of Rules if not to equally proportion the expense of keeping up the running repairs of the cars in service in interstate traffic, so that each road shall bear its just proportion of the expense. If the expense is justly proportioned, ought not the cost for repairs of freight cars per mile run to be the same for all roads doing interstate business? It is difficult to see why the expense should not be reasonably uniform, and yet an investigation in regard to the expense per mile run for repairs to freight cars of several railroads develops the fact that it varies materially. The average cost (in dollars) of repairs to freight cars for 11 roads is

Railroad.	Average cost per mile run. 1889.	Average cost per mile run 1890.	Average cost per mile run. 1891.	Total average.
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Total average	.1281	.1285	.1210	.1258

It is a singular fact that the average for each year o the 11 roads is just 12 cents and a fraction, while the average cost for each road varies from 6 to 25 cents per mile run. The difference between the lowest and highest cost involves several hundred thousand dollars a

The revenue derived from this traffic is pro-rated be tween the roads in interest; why should not the expense of repairs attending this traffic be pro-rated also? The inducement to shift this burden from one road to another should in some way be removed. This would seem to be should in some way be removed. This would seem to be an easy matter if every one was disposed to deal fairly.

Rule 8, while it does not ameliorate all the difficultie under which interchange traffic is conducted, is never theless a step which aims in the right direction. railroad which pays for 10 miles run by foreign cars on its road to every five miles run by its cars on foreign roads is called upon to do twice the amount of running repairs on foreign cars as is done by foreign roads on its cars, other conditions being equal. Rule 8 aims to equize the expense and place it where it justly belongs. is true that its provisions are much too parrow to ac complish all it aims at. It covers only a part of the ma terial which is subject to wear and tear and must be frequently renewed. The rule should be more definite in its provisions. The labor charge should be made uniform for applying brasses and brake-shoes, and article (d) should be more clearly defined. As it now reads one is in doubt whether hangers or other attachments to body bolsters and springs planks can be properly charged.

Private line companies claim exemption from the expenses of running repairs and are very belligerent and troublesome. Why they take this attitude it seems hard to determine. It is perhaps safe to estimate that private line cars make over the trunk lines one-eighth the mileage made and possibly more,

I believe the only way to do exact justice to all interested would be to pro-rate the expenses for repairs to cars running in interchange service. This would re-quire all cars in line service to have a uniform mark, so that the repairs could be kept in a distinct account. This would not seem to be a difficult matter, but the time for such an innovation upon ancient customs has not yet arrived, and until that time comes the just enforcement of the provisions of Rule 8 will without question result in throwing the burdens in a measure where they be

It must be clear to the mind of every-practical man that many thousands of dollars are held in the wrong treasury by means of evading the payment of expenses for repairs. It is possible under the present system for a road to get along without doing much repairs to its own cars, depending on its connections to do the repairs for them. The private line companies seem determined to evade this payment if possible, but insist on good pay and mileage for the use of their cars. The private line companies do not maintain a roadway, neither companies do not maintain a roadway, neither do they maintain the running repairs to their own equipment except in a very slight degree, where a few railroads compel them to pay for certain slight re-pairs. Equal treatment would compel private line com-panies to pay the proportion of all the operating expenses of the roads over which they run, based upon the mileage of the cars; this would be the only equitable way. They are treated the same as cars owned by railroads in the matter of rates paid for mileage as I under stand the matter; why, then, should they not bear their proportion of the expense of maintaining the roadway and equipment, etc.? The private line companies now have a very comfortable arrangement under the rules of inter-change, and it would seem that they ought to appreciate it, and instead of making the roads all the trouble they can to collect the mere fraction of what they are justly entitled to, promptly cancel all their obligations which are imposed under the M. C. B. Code of Rules.

In theory it seems essy to accomplish all that has been aggested, but practically, speaking exclusively of the relation of railroad companies with each other, in the matter of repairs under Rule 8, it is not so easy as it would seem to carry out the provisions of Rule 8 economically under present conditions. Inspectors are not clerical men and it is difficult to get them to make their reports correctly, and much time is consumed in making the proper reports which might be more valuably spent in making the proper inspection, and as each road recip-rocates, or should be compelled to under the proper in-spection, in the matter of repairs, the difference of the expense owing to a difference in mileage made might not be enough to compensate for the neglect of inspect-ors to properly inspect the cars owing to their attention being occupied by the clerical work for which they are not fitted. This is a complicated question and can only be settled equitably by the joint action of the mechani-cal, transportation and operating departments.

SYNTAX.

The Best Metal for Brake Shoes.

Ситсаво, Мау 28, 1892.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RAILROAD GAZETTE: What will be the verdict of the M. C. B. Committee as to the best metal for brake shoes? If we judge by the prevailing opinion among railroad men, the answer will

First-It is the cheapest material available, Second-It gives a high coefficient of friction on both

be soft cast iron. The reasons are clear :

iron and steel.

Third-The friction is greatest at the instant of application, and falls slightly as the shoe warms, for the reason that the particles of the shoe are more rapidly detached after the shoe is heated. The detached particles roll between the shoe and the wheel.

Fourth—Soft cast iron is a material that can be made

in any foundry and can be reproduced anywhere with any standard degree of hardness. A uniform braking power can only be obtained by having a uniform material for brake shoes, and therefore it is evident that the best material for brake shoes is one that can be made by any foundrymen of a standard hardness.

It is, of course, impossible to prevent heating, and the best that can be done is to use such material for shoes as will reduce the evil results of heating to a The one great evil is in the case of some minimum. materials that harden after heating, and thereafter cut the wheel. This is not true of soft cast iron shoes, and therefore they fill the requirements better than anything else discovered to date.

Although cast iron is exceedingly satisfactory for brake shoes from the nature of its action in braking vet such shoes are losing much of their former prestige on account of the rapid wear which adds so much to the cost of keeping up the equipment. To reduce this rapid wear there have been many attempts, and the numer ous patents in the government office at Washington bear witness to the efforts to find a substitute for the plain cast iron shoe. The Congdon has been used most extensively. This type of shoe is made of soft cast iron with blocks of wrought iron set in the face and so surrounded by cast iron as to greatly increase the life of the shoes while retaining all of the advantages of plain cast iron. About 40 per cent. of the surface of the shoe is wrought iron. In action the particles of east iron de tached from the shoe pass over the entire surface of the wrought iron. It has been found to be most valuable for chilled wheels and has been used to some extent or steel tires; but there is a strong feeling against its use on steel owing to the cutting or dressing effect due to the collection of the granular particles of cast iron on the wrought iron surfaces which then act like emery er in wearing the steel.

After the improvements in material which reduce the wear of the shoes, attention was turned to the wear of wheels by the rails, as the wear of steel tires was serious, and the strong objection to the high and "double flanges" on tires soon demanded a remedy other than the lathe. The Ross shoe met this demand by providing a bearing on the flange and on that portion of the thread untouched by the rail, whereby the shoe is made to wear the tire where the rail does not, and assist in maintain ing the original profile. The value of this shape is at tested by its use on almost all the driving wheels and many steel-tired coach wheels in this country. In some cases the excessive rail wear on steel tires demanded a greater dressing effect than that furnished by the Ross east iron shoe

The Ross shoe of plain cast iron was found to have in sufficient dressing effect to keep pace with the rail wear on driving tires, and the Meehan improvement was in-troduced. It consists of pieces of crucible steel set into the Ross shoe where it bears on the tire. These pieces, in combination with the cast iron, assist in wearing the tire more rapidly than the shoe of plain cast iron. In-stead of the crucible cast steel pieces wrought iron was first introduced, but with indifferent success, and it was and the same of the present Ross-dechan shoe was produced.

The Ross-?dechan shoe is to-day pre-eminently the

driving brake shoe. It is used as a standard on the leading railroads. That this shoe is a tire dresser is indicated by its action on the small steel tired wheels under coaches, more particularly on suburban runs and on heavy mountain grades where, in several instances, the shoes have proved too severe, cutting down the flange and outside tread in excess of the rail wear.

The small coach wheels are more affected by the brakes than the larger driving wheels, owing to the fact that in a given length of run during the application of the brakes the same point on the small wheels comes in contact with the shoe a greater number of times. This naturally causes the small wheels to be more affected by the shoes than the larger on

To prevent excessive wear by the flange brake shoes with the crucible steel pieces, such as the Ross-Meehan just described, another type of shoe has been introduced known as the "Meehan." This is a shoe of cast iron, having a bearing all the way across the tread and flange, but with the steel pieces imbedded in the flange, and also where the shoe bears on the outside of the tread ased surface of the cast iron, bearing as it does all over the tread, decreases materially the dressing tendency of the composite portion. The results of trials during some years have shown that the "Meehan" shoe is for steel tired coach wheels fully as satisfactory as the "Ross-Mechan" shoe is for driving wheels. The "Mechan" shoe has established a record of usefulness on chilled wheels also, as it bears all across the tread, and therefore heats the wheel uniformly and reduces the oger of cracked wheels. This shoe, of course, alwayes the same position on the wheel, and therefore le sens the tendency toward sharp flanges. By reason of the flanges on the shoes, the brake beams are stiffened verti-cally, as the beams cannot break down in the centre without twisting the shoes off the wheels, and as they have no tendency to bend down except when the brak shoes are applied, there is a manifest increase in vertical stiffness by the use of a flanged brake shoe. The relative durability of the "Meehan" shoe and the plain cast iron e is at least six to one

There is another type of shoe designed to supplement

the Ross-Meehan where it is desirable to cut down the edge." An inner conical wall joining this cutting edge outside tread and the flanges quickly; it is known as the Corundum shoe. In shape it is the same as the Ross Meehan, but most of the crucible steel pieces are re placed by blocks of vitrified corundum. On switching engines this shoe will cut the flange and outside tread faster than any other type, and it is this that makes it especi-

ally valuable for switching service.

All the brake shoes mentioned here have a be soft cast iron, a large portion of which projects to the surface of the shoe. By soft cast iron is meant a non-chilling iron of fine grain which can readily be machined The advantage of the composite shoes is believed to be due to the fact that there is a grinding action of the particles of cast iron rolling between the shoe and the wheel, these particles being retarded more or less by the steel pieces, and by mingling with the emery of the cor-undum shoe grind the tire. They are what might be termed "grinding" shoes and possess to a maximum extent the advantages which we have assumed to be those that will influence the Master Car Builders' com to decide that soft cast iron is the best metal for

The result of experience, as well as the laboratory ests published, have shown that soft cast iron possesses the most desirable properties for brake shoes, except that of endurance, and the "grinding" shoes just described retain a maximum of these benefits with the added advantages of great endurance and cutting action. DURABILITY

The Foundations of the Seventh Avenue Bridge, New York.

BY DANIEL E, MORAN.

The old combination pivot drawbridge over the Harlem River at 155th Street and Seventh Avenue, nonly called the McComb's Dam Bridge, now be eplaced by a modern steel structure, is one of the It crossed the river obliquely, andmarks of the city. taking advantage of high banks on both sides, and also of a reef of rocks in the channel. This gave easy founds tions, and altogether a very advantageous crossing. The bridge connected the old McComb's Dam road with public that drives.

The new bridge connects McComb's Dam road and Jerome avenue, and also connects on the New side with an important viaduct on 155th Street. viaduct, which is now nearly completed, connects the bridge with the high land at Edgecombe avenue. On the Westchester shore a connection is made with Ogden

The importance of the bridge, the large volume of raffic expected and its central location, all justify a large expenditure to produce the best results possible, archi turally, structurally and in point of capacity. These conditions have been met in the design by making wide roadways and sidewalks on the approaches and bridge proper, by carrying out the general design in a substan-tial and permanent manner, and by a judicious use of ornament on the superstructure and piers, The drawspan is 43 ft. 6 in. c. to c. of trusses with overhanging side walks making it nearly 70 ft. out to out in width The approaches are 61 ft. 8 in. wide.

The location of the new bridge differs from that of the old. The starting point on the Manhattan Island shis the same, but the Government Channel is crossed right angles, throwing the line 180 ft. to the right of the ld bridge at the Westchester bulkhead line the shore pier of the pivot span in a swamp lying bety an arm of the Harlem called Cromwell Creek and the high bank which the old location followed,

From this pier (No. III) the line of the Jero proach centinues through the swamp straight for 448, and then curving to the left with a radius of 1,500 or 1,205 ft., finally striking grade at Jerome avenue East 162d street. There are 15 piers in this swamp and East 162d street. between Pier III, and the abutment at East 161st street These carry 16 deck spans, varying from 72 ft. to 84 ft. in length. These spans are followed by an earth fill be tween masonry retaining walls, extending from East 161st street to East 162d street, a distance of 475 ft. The abutment and the 15 piers of the Jerome avenue

approach have pile foundations, capped with 12 x 12 sticks, forming a platform on which the footing coursest. This work is to be done inside of sheet piling of Two of the piers are skewed to allow the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad tracks to pass. All these piers are of a very usual type, and have no special interest, the variations from usual practice being all in Piers I., It, and III., the piers for the draw span. The numbering of the piers starts from the Manhattan Island pier at the bulkhead line.

The pivot pier (No. II.) is circular in plan, 47 ft, in diameter at the necking course under the coping. The coping is heavily molded and flares out to a diameter of 50 ft. 6 in. Below the necking course the shaft has a straight batter of 1 in, per foot to the footing courses. These are 51 ft. in diameter and rest on a concrete base 60 ft. in diameter. The height from the concrete base to

of coping is 19 ft. 6 in. he concrete base is enclosed by a steel shell 29 ft This forms the outer wall of a pneumatic caisson and coffer-dam, which is of unusual design and dimensions. The lower edge of the outer wall is reinforced by plates inside and out to form a bearing or "cutting"

with the roof of the working chamber, forms the wall of the caisson and working chamber. These These walls are connected at intervals by brackets and the annular space between the two walls is to be filled with concrete carefully rammed in place before sinking is commenced.

The roof plates are carried by a system of 13 cross girders running parallel to each other, completely acro the cylinder. These girders are all 5 ft. deep, but vary to cross section and spacing. Between and above the girders concrete is to be rammed as sinking progresses. Above the roof level the outer wall is in three sections of varying thicknesses. The two uppermost sections coming above the level of the concrete filling, are detachable and stiffened by horizontal rings of deck beams and vertical angles so as to form a coffer dam.

Borings at the site of this pier show depths to rock carying from 18 ft, to 26 ft. below mean high water, to which latter depth it is proposed to sink the cutting dge. As there is little material overlying the rock. the bulk of the work under pressure will be in preparing the surface of the rock. This is known to be very uneven with strata set on end.

The design for Piers I. and III. is peculiar, the cen-tral part of each pier being pierced by a large archway, the axis of which is parallel with the centre line of the oridge. Under this archway are masonry steps leading lown to low water, forming a boat landing. In plan, the ends of the piers are enlarged so that the general effect is of two piers united by a wall having an arched passageway through it. This arrangement is very effective architecturally and is a feature of the design. The effect of the two piers is heightened by their being surnounted by masonry watch houses.

For Pier I, it was at first intened to sink two pneu-

matic caissons close together, the masonry to be nected over the interval (which would come under arch opening) by corbelling out below low water. probable, however, that a single caisson will be used, the As with Pier II., this is to be sunk to rock, but the borngs indicate that the rock is overlain with rip rap and idbris, part of which may be removed by dredging. Here, too, the rock is uneven, and considerable blasting will ecessary to bring the cutting edge to its proper level

The Caisson for Pier I, is to be of steel with a steel roof for the working chamber, carried by 20 in. I-beams spaced 4 ft. c. to c. The sidewalls are of steel with open L iron brackets under each I-beam, bracing the sidewalls and transmitting the load to the cutting edge. Between the brackets on the sidewalls are horizontal lines of Z bar stiffeners. On the inner faces of the brackets a double thickness of 3-in. plank is to be bolted, forming the wall of the working chamber. The space between this plank ing and the outer wall is to be filled with concrete before sinking is commenced. The bottom of the outer wall is reinforced by plates inside and out forming the cut ting edge, and a 6 in. × 6 in. × ½ in. L is run around at the lower corner of the brackets. To this L iron a timber 12 in. × 12 in. section can be bolted in case it is sidered desirable to increase the bearing the cutting edge.

The upper section of the caisson or the cofferdam above the deck beams, is to be of timber arranged so that it can be detached after the masonry is above high-water. It is held in position by holding-down bolts every 4 ft.,

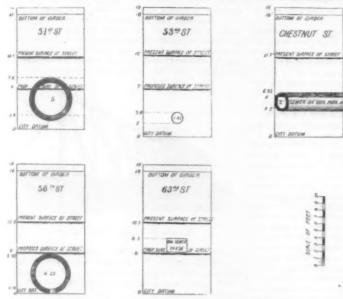
the lower ends of which have a connection rivetted to the outer wall of the caisson proper. Pier III. is in the swampy land now laid bare at low tide. The rock underneath is from 21 to 37 ft. below highwater level, the overlying material being mud. It is proposed to put this foundation in by using a coffer-dam of 10 in. × 12 in, timbers splined and driven as sheet piling, and braced on the inside. If this can be done satisfactorily it will be a most important example of the use of the sheet piling method. But the difficulties in the way of making tight work by this method at such depths are so great that it seems probable some variation will be made in the plan. Gwing to the great difference in level of the rock at this pier it would seem feasible to build the shallower half of the pier by the sheet piling method after the deeper half had been put in by the neumatic method.

Raising Illinois Central Tracks at Jackson Park.

On May 23 the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance providing for the elevation of the Illinois Central Railroad tracks between the north line of Fifty-fifth street and the south line of Sixty-seventh atreet, the line being graded so as to reach the present level at Forty-seventh street on the north and Seventy-first street on the south. It provides among other things that the roadbed shall be raised to not less than 18 ft. above city datum at Fifty-first street, and 19 ft. at Fifty-third street, and that the elevation is to be maintained as far south as Sixty-seventh street. It is provided that no part of the superstructure at street crossings shall be less than 18 ft. above city datum.

All openings are to be the full width of the street and

the driveways are to be 60 per cent, of the width of the entire opening. The abutments may be set back from entire opening. The abutments may be set back from the street line to provide room for the use of the railroad company at its option. The supports between abutments for all long spans will be iron or steel posts placed on the curb line. All abutments are to be of stone



Proposed Elevation of Illinois Central Tracks in Chicago.

or brick. At Sixty-second street there will be a masonry arch for a pedestrian subway, 10 ft. high by 10 ft. wide. The work must be done at the expense of the railroad company, including sewer connections, changes in water pipes, sidewalks and other street improvements. The railroad company also must settle all claims for damages to abutting property. Provision is made for suitable connections with the Oakwoods Cemetery branch and the South Chicago branch. All work is to be done under plans and specifications approved by the Commissioner of Public Works. The ordinance will take effect upon its acceptance by the road, provided that the acceptance is made within 30 days.

The Illinois Supreme Court has recently handed down a decision on the four cases of the Illinois Central Railroad va. the city of Chicago, relative to the rights of the city to open streets across the right of way of the railroad. Three of the suits were filed in the Circuit Court by the railroad company to enjoin certain condemnation proceedings begun by the city, and the court sustained the decree of Judge Tuley, which dissolved the injunction and dismissed the bill. In rendering the decision, Chief Justice Magruder says the material questions at Issue have been settled by recent decisions of the court in the case of the Chicago & Northwestern and other-corporations. The railroad holds its right of way subject to the right of the public, but the effect of the judgment of condemnation does not give the whole right of the land to the public, as the use of the land by the public is subordinate to that of the railroad company, trains having the prior right at a crossing. The court cannot substitute its judgment for the judgment of the City Council as is asked for by the railroad company.

This decision confirms a former decision of Judges Tuley, Collins and Horton, which held that the question as to when this power of the city as to the opening or extension of its streets across the railroad tracks is to be exercised, and as to the mode or manner in which the extension or crossing is to be made, are leg islative questions, political in their nature, the determination of which must necessarily rest with the legislature, or in this case with the City Council. . . . It is for the City Council to decide what the public interests require, and it is in no sense a judicial question. It is for that body to determine whether the public interests require the crossing to be over, under, or at the surface or grade of the railroads. . The exercise of their franchises by railroad corporations must yield to the public exigencies and the safety of the community. Where a street crossing of a railroad has, by reason of the growth of the city and the consequent increase of railroad traffic, become unsafe to life and property, the municipality may compel the railroad at its own expense to provide a safe and sufficient street crossing by building a viaduct over its tracks.

ing a viaduct over its tracks.

It will be seen that this practically establishes the right of the city to compel the Illinois Central to elevate its tracks as called for by the ordinance above noted. Should the Illinois Central accept the ordinance and elevate its tracks before the Fair opens, it will receive material assistance from the Exposition company and the South Side cable road. The Exposition company has offered the Illinois Central a sum of money equal to the cost of viaducts which would be necessary if the tracks were not raised. The street car company's contribution to the Illinois Central is said to be \$100,000, provisional on the work being done at once.

To show the difficulties incident to raising the Illinois Central tracks as proposed we print five diagrams showing how the depression of the streets at the various crossings would interfere with the sewers. The cuts explain themselves. It will be seen that in three cases the proposed surface line of streets interferes with the sewers already in. At Chestnut street there is no sewer crossing the railroad, but the one on Hyde Park

avenue is parallel to the railroad and would not drain Chestnut street if that street were depressed. At Sixty third street there is a box sewer and the depression of the street at that point would be below the sewer altogether.

These cuts show that the original ordinance for the elevation of the track was carelessly made, without due regard for the city's interest. The ordinance even in its revised form seems to be loosely drawn, though it appears that it fixes the elevation of the girders about one foot higher than appears from our diagrams; so that in each cut the figures shown at the top should appear at the bottom of the girders. Some of the streets are to have only 11 ft. headway, so that the "proposed surface" ha the cuts should be: Fifty first street, 7 ft. above datum; Fifty-third

street, 8 ft.; Chestnut street, 7 ft.; Fifty-sixth street, 7 ft.; Sixty-third street 6% ft. The first, third and last of these streets are still left in unsatisfactory shape, it will be seen.

A Rod-Brass Jointing Machine.

The accompanying illustrations show front and side views of a machine for re-jointing and refitting the rod brases of locomotives, and for other similar purposes. It is built and used at the shops of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in Plattsmouth, Neb.

With high speed trains, it is essential that the wearing parts of the locomotive rods should be kept in the best condition, with as little delay in the roundhouse as possible. When the brasses are fitted by hand, it takes a first-class machinist some time to effect a reliable fit. Unless the fit is good, heating is almost sure to follow, and the strap will give out as well as the brass, necessitating the replacing of both at considerable cost.

The machine illustrated is constructed for the special

The machine illustrated is constructed for the special purposes of refitting these brasses. The brass is bolted to the face-plate on its back, and by a circular cut the joints are faced off true to the original planing without delay. Filling pieces to take up side motion are then sweated on and the whole faced off to a proper width and fit.

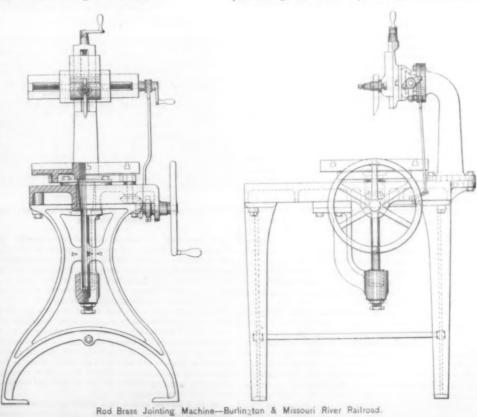
As seen, the machine is simple in construction and operation, having its face-plate resting on and revolving in a step and vertical bearing. Teeth are cast to the bottom of the plate, and by means of a small spur wheel, a pair of bevels or mitres, and a hand wheel or pulley, its revolution is effected. The cutting tool is placed above and is capable of adjustment in a vertical or horizontal direction. The machine can be used for various kinds of small work, the facing of valves, etc.

The Opening of the "Alley" Elevated Road in Chicago.

On Friday of last week the Alley Elevated Railroad in Chicago ran its first passenger train, carrying a party of guests consisting of prominent citizens, members of the City Council, officers of the road, etc. The train of six cars started from Congress street and ran to Thirtyninth street, a distance of four miles, in 10 minutes. There were about 300 persons on board. At Thirtyninth street they examined the structure, and took on a lunch car from which a lunch was served on the return trip. Coming back all of the stops were made and the guests were given time to examine the stations. The trip was a perfect success. Everything worked satisfactorily and all were well pleased with the action of the train and locomotives. This week the trains are being run on exact schedule time, but without passengers, to break in the gatemen and engineers. Next week, commencing June 6, the road will be open for regular service.

break in the gatemen and engineers. Next week, commencing June 6, the road will be open for regular service. We have before described the cars, becomotives and structure. The structure and stations were given in the Railroad Gazette April 4 and 11, 1890. The locomotives were described in the Railroad Gazette March 18 and April 15, 1892. The locomotives were built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. They are compounded on the Vauclain system and weigh 29 tons fully loaded, with 40,000 lbs. on the drivers. The boilers are unusually large and have a firebox suitable for anthracite coal, coke or anthracite slack. The cars were built by Jackson & Sharp, of Wilmington, Del., and in general arrangement are much like those of the Manhattan elevated, being finished with mahogany inside, with cane sents, etc. The doors are double and arranged so that when one-half is opened the other is opened at the same time, and by pulling one handle only, the two halves of the door being connected by wire ropes running over pulleys. The platforms of the cars are about a foot wider than those used in New York. The cars are lighted with Pintsch gas, and equipped with the Westinghouse automatic air brake. The value of this brake for elevated service was shown on a trial trip made. The brake releases instantly, and applies with the "service" or "emergency" application, as desired. It is automatic, and in case a train breaks in two while mounting the two per cent, grade going in and out of the World's Fair grounds above the Hilinois Central tracks, both portions of the train will be automatically stopped. There are many improvements on the "Alley" road that are not to be seen on the New York Elevated. The stations are arranged conveniently, with the waiting rooms on the ground floor, and long covered platforms above on the structure. The road will be equipped with automatic block signals and railings for the platforms on the side next the track as well as on the other side and ends.

Four years have been required to complete this road; the ordinance authorizing its construction was passed by the City Council March 22, 1888. Since that time the entire right of way has been secured and the road completed to Fortieth street. The road runs through some of the most valuable property in Chicago. This is the first city railroad in Chicago, either elevated or surface, that had to purchase its own right of way. Much of it was secured by private purchase and a good deal through condemnation proceedings in the courts.



The successful completion of the road is due very greatly The successful completion of the road is due very greatly to the personal efforts and determination of its late President, Mr. Calvin S. Goddard, who has been connected with the road since its inception. His death was probably hastened by the long continued strain in promoting the interests of the road.

The road is standard gauge, double track, throughout its entire length, with the necessary side tracks and switches. The rails are steel, weighing 90 lbs. to the yard, of the Reading and Manhattan section. Van Buren street was to have been the northern terminus of the road, but owing to the impossibility of securing a right of way through the alley from Congress to Van Buren it has not been possible to carry out the original intention, and for the present the northern terminus is at Congress street. Beginning in the alley at Congress between Wabash avenue and State street, the road runs directly south till Fortieth is reached. From Congress street to Twelfth street the entire alleyway is covered by the structure; south from Twelfth street, ground ad-joining the alley has been purchased. At Fortieth street the road turns to the east and runs along that street be side the Baltimore & Ohio tracks until the alley between Calumet and Prairie avenues is reached, where it again turns south. It is practically completed as far south as Fortieth street, and it is at this point that the rolling stock is taken upon the structure. A coaling station and water tower have been constructed there for tem

While for the present passengers will n beyond Thirty-ninth street, work south of this point is being pushed and Jackson Park will be reached before the opening of the World's Fair. At present the struc-ture is going up at the rate of 20 foundations a day, and before the end of the year passengers will probably be carried as far south as Forty-seventh street. Elevated yards and repair shops are to be erected between Sixtyfirst and Sixty-third streets. Ground for this purpo has already been secured.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The twenty-fifth meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was held in the city of San Fran-cisco, Cal., from the 16th to the 19th ult., inclusive. This convention, involving as it did a round trip across the continent, was made an occasion of most enjoyable interest, offering opportunities for social intercourse and better acquaintanceship not usually obtained in this Society's gatherings.

The party left New York at 9:30 a. m. on the 4th ult.

ecial vestibuled train over the West Shore road-The details and management of the traveling arrange ments throughout were in charge of Messrs. Raymond & Whitcomb, and they were admirably attended to without even suggestion of cause for complaint. A detention of 16 hours at Chicago through washouts

was taken advantage of by Messrs, Fraser and Chalmers On arrival at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, the So-

ciety was received by Mayor Geo. H. Sanderson, assisted by H. W. Harkness, President of the Academy of Sciences; J. C. Stump, President of the Mechanics' Insti-tute, and John Richards, President of the Technical So.

Numerous papers were presented at this meeting, of which those of most probable interest to our readers

have been published by us already.

At Sacramento, on invitation of Mr. H. J. Small Supt. Motive Power and Machinery of the Southern Pacific System, a visit to the company's very extensive and complete shops was made. This is a vast plant of its kind, employing over 2,000 hands. The neat and tastefully arranged grounds, with their lawns and rich shade trees, make the works an attractive spot, and if there is anything in better work being done under cheerful surandings, Mr. Small ought to receive a maximum man ual efficiency with a minimum exertion of discipline. The company has here its own rolling mill. It makes its own fishplates and spikes and even its signal lanterns.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Small the writer was permitted to personally note the operations of different engines of the company, including the Stevens valve gear and the compounds built by the Schenectady Loco motive Works. The latter are easy steamers, good rid ing engines, and are operating under a fuel economy of 18 per cent. They have cylinders 20 and 20 × 24 in.; drivers, 60 in. diam.; 4%-in. exhaust nozzle, and weigh, exclusive of tender, about 65 tons. In its effectiveness in exclusive of tender, about to tons. In its effectiveness in preventing smoking the arrangement in use on the Southern Pacific system is worthy of imitation. It is simply an auxiliary door on the main firedoor, somewhat suggestive of the "eye of the needle." It opens outwardly, and is left open while the throttle is, the main door being provided with an air deflector.

Another device used on these engines is one more proo of the adaptation of surrounding circumstances to useffect. It is the invention of one of the locomotive ners of the road, and is known as the Sweeney Air Com pressor. It is an arrangement more of principle than of detail, consisting merely of throwing the valve motion into reverse gear, one or two notches, and conveying the air thus compressed by one of the cylinders, the right one, into the usual brake reservoir on the engine. This is an especially valuable addition to an engine on long heavy grades, where some means of rapidly restoring

the reserve pressure is an essential in the safe and ex-

Of course in a journey of this length some startling specimens of roadbed and varying conditions and types of motive power, were noticeable. In the side trip from Salida, Colo., to Marshall Pass, the ridge pole of the continent, 10,852 ft. elevation, a narrow gauge, 36 in. road is gone over. The locomotive used was of the consolidation pattern, with 36-in. drivers. The maximum grade is 211 per mile and the run from Salida to Marshall Pass is about 25 miles. The roadbed is good and the riding of the engine as easy as that of any standard gauge locomotive in good order.

In the design of some locomotive cabs it seems as hough one of the main points kept in view was an allowance of the minimum amount of comfort to those whose duties require them to be in them. A glaring in-stance of this was seen recently on a Wootten engine near Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The brake piping was arranged with such seemingly studied inconvenience, that when the handle of the engineer's valve was thrown to the emergency position, it blocked, by fully one-half, the already limited space for egress from the cab in case of hurried necessity. By actual measurement the distance from the end of the valve handle to the side of the cab was less than seven inches! This same engine, by the way, showed another proof of carelessness in having its cab built too high and wide to pass through a tunnel on its own road. In pleasing contrast to these were some engines noticed along the way, notably on the West Shore road, where a cab 9 ft. 6 in. long by 9 ft. 4 in. wide was ridden in.

For having had the opportunity to make nearly all of the daylight portion of the trip on the different locomo-tives used the writer is indebted to the consideration of many officers, whom he thanks, but whose reluctance to get into print he respects.

Piston Rod Remover.

Figs. 1 and 2 show the details of Teal's piston rod iver, patented by S. A. Teal, Master Mechanic of ont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad. The

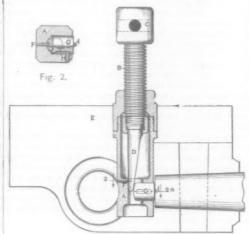


Fig. 1-Teal's Pision Rod Remover.

sity for a powerful and compact tool of this kind is often felt in all shops where locomotives are repaired The cuts show the remover in position in a cross head having the wrist pin in place, to press out a piston rod. The jack screw B C has attached at its lower end a wedge D, which is prevented from turning with the screw by a pin inserted in the body at F, and fitting into a groove at the back of the wedge, as shown in fig. The body of the tool is made in two parts, the upper or cap nut carrying the jack screw. The lower half A is cut out at the back to fit the wrist pin as shown, and carries a plunger G Figs. 1 and 2 having a centring point I to fit into the center of the rod. The tool is operated by screwing down the screw B until the piston rod is forced out of the cross-head.

The Woodlawn Junction of the New Haven and the Harlem Railroads.

The tendency of modern railroad management to eliminate every element of danger or source of delay in the operation of express lines is probably nowhere bet-ter illustrated than in the improvement now about completed by the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the New York & Harlem (New York Central & Hudson River) railroads at their junction at Woodlawn, N. Y.

The arrangement of the Grand Central Station, Nev York, with its ticket offices and waiting rooms of west side of the building, makes it necessary th outgoing trains (north bound) shall take the left-hand tracks in passing out of the trainshed. Owing to the congested passenger traffic at this point there is no opportunity to change from left to right-hand running until each road terminating at the station has reache its respective territory.

The New Haven trains have made this crossover at

of tracks as shown in dotted lines at the point marked "Old Junction," on the plan. (The new westbound track is omitted at this point, to avoid confusion.) An examination of this arrangement will show that all eastbound trains of the New Haven road must cross its own westbound track, as well as the southbound track of the New York & Harlem at this point, and the



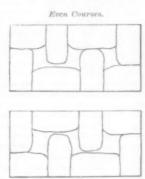
Woodlawn Bridge-Constructing

resulting delays were a constant source of inconvenience and possible danger. It was merely a question of time, therefore, when the increasing business of these roads would necessitate some modification of this arrange-

arrangement of tracks the eastbound train of the New Haven road turn to the left (instead of to the right, as formerly), ascend a grade of 34 ft, per mile around a three degree curve, until the bridge i



A Pier of Woodlawn Bridge



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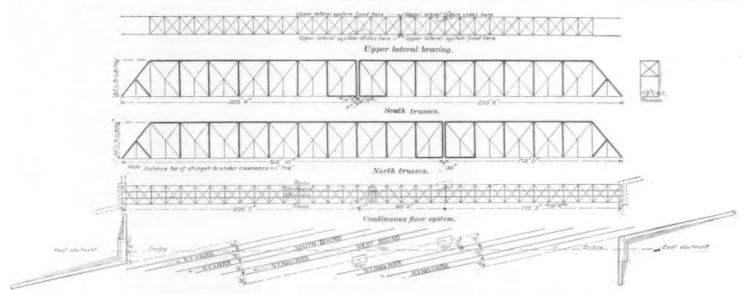
The westbound tracks are depressed at this point until the grades are 17 ft. 9 in. apart, allowing a clearance under the bridge of 15 ft. 3 in. After crossing the bridge the eastbound track curves to the left and regains its old location at under bridge No. 1. The westbound track of the New Haven road descends from bridge No. 1 at the rate of 60 ft. per mile, until it reaches the crossing, when it again ascends until it reaches the grade of the eastbound track at the Bronx River. The grades of the Harlem are similarly modified at the crossing.

In the prosecution of this work it has been nec to make provision for the constant traffic of the two roads, with the least inconvenience to the work in



Woodlawn Bridge-Constructing.

The tracks of the Harlem road were first depressed at the overhead crossing sufficiently to permit the erection of the bridge. At the same time the west abutment and the adjacent fill were constructed. The first step of the New Haven was to depress its west-Woodlawn, for several years past, by an arrangement bound track, and in doing so it was found nec



WOODLAWN BRIDGE-NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD AND HARLEM RAILROADS.

account of the limited width of embankment, to use a thorough bond, in adjacent courses, as well as with temporary slope of I to I, beginning at 3ft, from the rail of adjacent stones of the same course. While this bond is always sought in this class of work, it is rarely seen so trailing switch rails. The truss used is the

account of the limited width of embankment, to use a thorough bond, in adjacent courses temporary slope of 1 to 1, beginning at 3ft. from the rail of the track in its old position.

When the track was about to be changed, however, an injunction prevented, and it was run in this temporary condition for several months, including the winter. The bank was in some places 9 ft. high, and composed in spots of fine dry sand, but where the distance of 3 ft. was adhered to, there was no tendency to slide until the frost came out of the dency to slide until the frost came out of the ground in the following spring, when several cracks appeared along the ends of the ties. At several places, however, where the top of bank was closer to the rail than the prescribed 3 ft., the bank required some attention. After lowering the westbound track to its

new position, it was the intention to similarly lower the eastbound beside it. This would have taken both of the New Haven tracks out of the way during the further construction of the work, but as winter approached, and with a prospect of an up grade of 00 ft. per mile with heavy passenger traffic, the plan of depressing the eastbound track; was abandored, and it was run south of the east abutment will the bridge. Was completed. The fill was until the bridge was completed. The fill was completed on either side of the temporary loca-tion, and when the final change over the bridge was made, this opening was closed between

The bridge which spans the depressed tracks is a structure of two spans, with square abutments at each end, and two intermediate piers ranged in the line of the depressed tracks.

The original plans of the improvement provided for a single skew span over three tracks, but it was later considered advisable to lay new tracks on the old location of the New Haven tracks and

on the old location of the New Haven tracks, and consequently the easterly span was added by that com-pany. The abutments were finally squared, and the middle of the long pier omitted, making two smaller ones as indicated in the plan.

The abutments are of broken range, rubble masonry,

and the piers of regular coursed ashlar work. All bridg seats are of Pine Island granite 2 ft. thick and the ashlar work of Yonkers gneiss.

The bonding of the piers is unusually thorough, as will be seen in the accompanying photograph of the east pier, which carries the long truss. The headers, in every instance, extend to within 6 in. of the stretcher on the far side of the wall, and they are so arranged as to have

subdivided Pratt type, usually adopted now for long spans, instead of using mul-tiple systems. The floor beams were sustiple systems. pended by plate hangers, and the ends were rigidly connected by a longitudinal, acting to steady the beam, and serving to transfer the increment of strain from the lower lateral system into the lower chord of the trusses.

To provide for a minimum depth of floor, short panel lengths were used, and the stringers were connected to the webs of the floor beams and resting upon their bottom flange angles.

The continual passage of trains beneath

the bridge during erection, with the limited clearance under the floor beams prevented the use of any falseworks, lower than the bottom flange plate. In erection, therefore, the caps of the falseworks at each main panel point were placed on each side of the floor beam, and the beam that for rivel on Ain, places, between the itself carried on 4-in, pieces, between the cap and post of the falseworks. The inter-mediated beams were omitted until after the trusses were swung

The arrangement of the falseworks on each side of the floor beams prevented the completion of the floor system until the span was swung and false works were re-moved. The trusses of the west span were Track work and banks not finished.

first erected, complete, with the top lateral bracing, as far as the west pier. The reperfect as here shown. The foundation of the pier is maining length of the long truss—to the east pier

-was also creeted, but that portion between the piers (86 ft. long) could not be connected to the opposite truss by the top laterals until the east span was also in place. As the timber of the falseworks of the west span was to be used in the erection of the east, that por-tion of the top chord of the long truss which was unbraced was stayed by wire guy lines; the portal bracing over the west pier and abutment was firmly connected, and the top laterals carefully adjusted, and the span was then swung, the top lateral system holding it in position. continuous truss for the entire length, but a double post over the piers simplifies the strains. The floor system and lower laterals completed to the west pier, after is continuous from end to end of the bridge, the panel which the east span was erected and the bridge completed. It was put in service May 15.



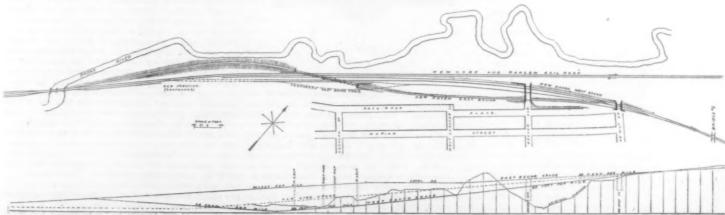
Woodlawn Bridge

gravel, and sustains a pressure of 6,000 lbs. per sq. ft.

The superstructure is of wrought iron and steel, the

eyebars and pins only of the latter material. By changing the abutments from skew to square, the action of forces in the superstructure was much simplified, and the amount of masonry saved was about equivalent to the extra cost of the iron work. Any additional expense that might be incurred was sustained by the New York, New Haven & Hartford.

The iron work is designed to give the appearance of a ngth being so arranged as to conform to the distance



WOODLAWN JUNCTION-PLAN_AND PROFILE OF TRACKS.

The expense of the improvement is borne about equally by the two roads benefited, but in order to avoid any annoyance during construction it was mutually agreed that each road would construct that portion upon its own property, and in addition to this the New Haven Co. constructed the piers and that portion of the superstructure which came over the Harlem property.

The contractors for grading and masonry were Clark & Westbrook, and those for the bridge superstructure and erection were Post & McCord, all of New York. The work was planned and constructed under the supervision of Mr. F. S. Curtis and Mr. Walter Katté, Chief Engineers of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. and of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. respectively. For the facts here given we are indebted to Mr. H. B. Seaman, Resident Engineer of Construction, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.

Draft Gears for Freight Cars.

BY D. L. BARNES

The reliability of the connection between the cars of railroad trains should be of interest to all who are connected with railroads in any capacity, as upon it depends the safety and the rapid movement of passen-gers and freight. Weak draft gears and couplings fregers and freight. Weak draft gears and couplings fre-quently cause delays and wrecks, which give trouble in quently cause delays and wrecks, which give trouble in all departments, and in some instances have materially increased the extent of a car famine, and in various ways, directly or indirectly, an inadequate connection between the cars of a train causes much annoyance to both shippers and carriers. Reliable information obtained from the headquarters of some of our largest realized lines shows that often from 60 to 70 per largest railroad lines shows that often from 60 to 70 per cent. of all the cars standing idle for repairs have been taken out of service because of defects in some portion of the draft gear-either couplers, sills, draft springs or at tachments. This is reason enough for the statement that either not enough attention is now given to the construction of the types of draft rigging commonly used, r a strictly new type is needed.

The variation in design and dimensions of the pro-

forms of draft gear is to be regretted, as it increases the repair account and delays repairs. The number of pieces per car varies from 60 to 300, and the weights from 200 to 1,250 lbs. One type of gear has 234 pieces of forgings, 62

pieces of castings and 6 pieces of timber per car.

Perhaps it is not the weakness of what is more strictly speaking the draft gear that causes a majority of the failures in service; it may be that the cause lies in the sills, as it is noticeable from an examination of cars on repair tracks that the timber of both the draft and centre sills taken out is fractured and broken, yet it is generally of a better quality than when first put in. It is, in fact, a high class of seasoned lumber, such as can-not be purchased in the open market. The timber which is put in place of that taken out is not of as good quality as that which is removed: hence the process of repairs is a substitution of unbroken green timber for fractured oned timber. Does not this indicate that either we are not using a size of timber large enough to withstand the shocks, or that the timber is badly placed to resist the strains that are imposed upon it? This is a question which should be answered before a standard car or draft gear is selected.

On account of the varieties of designs and the failure in service, the indications are that the Master Car Build ers' Association will soon be compelled to consider some means for the improvement of the draft gear of freight cars. It is noticeable from the records of the Association that it has investigated the construction of parts of cars whenever the results of service have shown them to cause an unusual amount of annoyance. Annoyance may result from weakness of parts or great variety of designs and dimensions. A vast array of new designs usually follow a display of defects. This is, of course, desirable, as it leads to improvements in construction, but there must generally follow some steps taken by the Association to reduce the number of types in service. This reduction is most quickly brought about by the adoption of a standard design, and it is the possibility of a standard draft gear of a radically improved type to make with the vertical plane coupler a reliable co tion between cars that gives to this subject so much in

It is impossible within the scope of a paper of this kind to describe in detail the different kinds of draft gears now in use. Only the more prominent ones can be selected, and but little can be said of each by way of description. The illustrations give in a general sort of way the method of construction followed in each, and such description as is given points out only the principal characteristics of the different designs.

The first to be considered is the form of draft g which some years ago was almost a standard. I given in figs. 40 and 41. It consists merely of castings bolted to the draft sills by %-in. bolts. followers are held in position by two binders, one It consists merely of two and one below.

Perhaps no better illustration of the increase in the strains and blows of freight service could be offered than by calling attention to the fact that this comparatively weak and inefficient draft gear was formerly sufficiently strong to do good service. To day it is wholly inadequate, and has but a fraction of the resisting power

that is possessed by some of the other designs here shown. This old form when used in present service soon becomes loose and by a wedging action produced by the bending of the follower plates causes a spreading and splitting of the draft timbers.

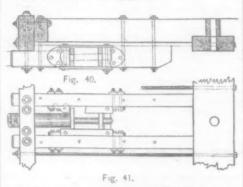
The draft g The draft gears now used may be divided into four uses with reference to their capacity for absorbing

First, those of normal capacity

Second, those of increased capacity having two or ore springs.

Third, those of still greater capacity with the anti-eaction feature having friction devices.

Fourth, continuous buffing gears.

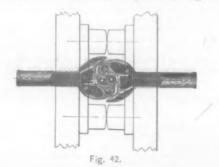


Yet this is not a satisfactory classification as it does not hold good for buffing blows when a buffer stop is used on the couplers. This is for the reason that com-paratively light blows, such as are of common occurence, will drive the buffer stops on the couplers again d sills; therefore, the more severe blows which do the real damage must be taken by the end sills and the buffer stops, and not by the draft rigging. Hence when buffer stops are used on the couplers there is but one class of drawgear with regard to blows; viz., continuous

buffing gears.
[The descriptions of different rigging we of

The alternative connection, shown in these illustra-tions, namely, the tail bolt vs. the tail strap, now de-mands attention, as the breakages of tail bolts are frequent and expensive. The preliminary report of the co quent and expensive. The preliminary report of the committee appointed by the Mäster Car Builders' Association on vertical plane couplers recommends the use of the tail bolt instead of the tail strap. The bolts break in various ways, but under the heads and through the keyways principally. Yet in a majority of all cases of broken tail bolts the cause has been bad workmanship or bad material. The head workmanship has been bad workmanship or bad material. The bad workmanship has been permitted by lack of inspection on the part of railroad companies pur chasing cars, and bad material has been permitted for the same reason. The bad workmanship shows itself in the reduction of the size of the bolts where the key-is punched and in the bad usage which the material ceives where the head is formed. In some cases the heads have been pulled off the first time the cars were hauled. Probably the tail bolt will be discarded, as it must be well made and of good material in order to be even reasonably safe. With the tail strap it is different-It is easily made without injury to the material, and owing to the greater amount of material used there is a greater margin of safety.

The use of dead blocks to receive the buffing blows is matter of universal interest now, as with them on all cars the draft gear and couplers are supposed to be re lieved from all severe blows, and this is generally true with this exception: A dead block with a vertical plane coupler is of no value when the couplers came together



the knuckles closed, as the compres draft springs is not sufficient to permit the dead blocks to come in contact. But, except for this, the general statement is true that wherever cars are fitted with dead blocks, properly placed and of proper length, all the buffing blows that are of any considerable magnitude are resisted directly by the sills without the intervention of springs of any sort. One unsatisfactory feature of action of our present standard vertical plane coupler is action of our present standard vertical plane coupler is, that it cannot be protected under all conditions by dead blocks. This is shown more clearly perhaps b; figs. 42 and 43, which indicate the position of the dead blocks on the same cars with and without the closing of the Read before the New York Railroad Club at a regular the same cars with and without the certains, May 19, 1891.

The actual practical value of dead blocks with the ertical plane coupler is a little uncertain. Of course, it epends upon the relative numbers of the blows devered in coupling with and without the knuckles open. Probably as long as there are conditions, such as shown in fig. 43, under which the coupler must withstand the whole blow without the assistance of dead blocks, it will be necessary to make the coupler with a buffer stop of sufficient capacity to resist the severest shocks. When this is done, it remains a question whether dead blocks are necessary. In considering this subject, the many are necessary. In considering this subject, the many varieties of collisions of vertical plane and link couplers are omitted for the reason that it is evidently impossible to make dead blocks that will be suitable for vertical plane couplers and link and pin couplers at the same time What is now being examined into is a draft rigging and arrangement of buffers suitable for future use with our standard vertical plane coupler.

It then appears, that when couplers are provided with a buffer stop, we all couplers should be, that buffer should form the protection to the draft rigging. We have seen that in ordinary service the buffer stop on the coupler is nearly always forced against the end sill, and however strong the draft gear may be, or however weak, it cannot offer assistance in resisting blows until the buffer stop on the coupler is driven into the end sill. Where the end sills are properly protected by angle irons or plates, as shown in several of the illustrations, cars will run many miles before the buffer stops are driven into the end sills as much as 14 in. This brings up an important question. Should not the draft rigging be so devised that it would not close up to a fully closed position so as to receive a buffing blow until after the buffer stop on the coupler has been driven into the end sill at least n. If a draft rigging were arranged in this way, and he plates on the end sills were kept up, there would be ess talk about draft gears having a high resisting capacity and less damages to draft appliances, as they could only receive severe buffing blows after the buffer stop on the coupler had been broken off or driven into the iron plate on the end sill at least one-half inch.

Unfortunately, this subject has received but little at-tention, and cars are being built with buffer stops on the drawbars without any protection in the way of metal

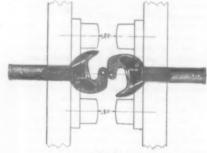


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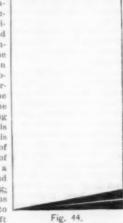
plates on the end sills, and with such dimensions that the draft rigging is closed up when the buffer stop comes against the end sill. With this bad practice the wooden end sill soon pounds away, and the entire blow is forced upon the draft spring and rigging, which soon gives way and is driven back under the car as fast as the buf fer stop wears away the end sill. Evidently the way to event this is to have a close ins ction to it r placing of the draft gear and the use of metal plate n the end sills.

Those who favor high capacity draft springs and ap-diances for absorbing blows other than that provided or by the buffer stop will be interested in noting what it is possible to accomplish in this direction. reason a diagram, fig. 44, has been prepared which sh the capacity of one and two draft springs to absorb blow delivered by a loaded 60,000-lb. freight car moving at about four miles per hour. The area of each of the two small triangles at the bottom of the diagram repre sents the capacity of one draft spring of ordinary dimensions to revist a blow before it is closed up. The large rectangle shows on the same scale the amount of the blow which can be delivered by a 60,000-lb. freight car moving at about four miles per hour. This is a speed at which couplings are frequently made, and at such speeds no real damage is generally done either to the car or to the draft gear. A comparison of the area of the large the draft gear. rectangle with the area of the two small triangles sho how much greater is the blow than the capacity of draft springs on the two colliding cars to absorb it. This relates to the ordinary gear with one spring. The capacity of gears with two springs would be represented by twice the combined area of the two triangles. With wo springs per gear there would still remain a large percentage of the comparatively light blow at four miles per hour to be absorbed wholly by the draft timbers, the sills, the buffer stop or the dead blocks, according to which of these is interposed to take it. Devices have which of these is interposed to take it. Devices have been brought out of still greater capacity than that given by two springs, such as the Westinghouse friction buffer, which is correct in theory, as it aims to actually absorb the blow without injurious reaction, such as takes place when springs of high capacity are used. The theory of the friction buffer is correct, but it remains to be seen whether a sufficient capacity can be

given to that buffer to absorb the large percentage of the shock, which is illustrated by that portion of combined area of the

rectangle remaining above the two small triangles on fig. 44.

One point remains to be considered: it is the continuous draft and continuous buffing gear. The Ameri can, as shown in figs, 38 and 39, is the one most exten In buffing the blows are taken directly on the subsill, which is pro-tected by metal for the pur-pose, and in pulling the strains are taken by the draft sills before the spring is closed. Hence, with this arrangement, the spring is relieved from the blows of buffing and the shocks of uneven draft, evidently a most desirable result, and one which contrasts strong: ly with those construction: which permit the blows to received by



springs after they are closed up. A continuous draft gear is also the result of using a steel centre sill, as shown by figs. 23, 24 and 25 of the Harvey type, and figs. 36 and 37 of the Westinghouse. In these designs the steel centre sills provide a continuous drawbar and continuous buffer with a minimum number of parts.
There are some designs, such as the Lake Shore, figs. 28,

29, 30 and 31, which are, in fact, continuous buffers—that is, the buffing blows are transmitted from end to end of the car by means of a sub-sill, which is provided below the centre sill. A sub-sill is now common. The result of its use is the strengthening of the draft attachment and an increase in the weight and cost of the car. It is not of great value where a proper buffer stop is provided on the coupler, for the reason that if the draft rigging is put up as it should be, the buffer stop on the coupler will transmit the blows directly to the centre sills, which are manifestly strong enough to withstand any reasonable

In closing this short review of the various types of draft rigging now used, it seems but proper to point out what will probably be the ultimate result of so much in vention and mutiplicity of parts. The increase in cost and weight of draft rigging will go on until the expense is somewhat greater than the cost of metal centre silis then steel will be used, as it should be, to replace the already inadequate wood, then a continuous draft gear already inadequate wood, then a continuous draft gear and a continuous buffer stop will be provided without complication in such a way as to give to freight cars a greatly increased durability. This time is near at hand, as the price of steel channels is now about \$40 per ton, and it is considerably cheaper to put steel centre sills in freight cars than to meet the expense of some of the stronger and more desirable types of draft gear for wooden sills now used. However, it is not to be under-stood from this that a steel centre sill will render it desirable to attach the draft rigging directly to the sills with such security as to permit that rigging to resist the buffing blows. Ultimately it is evident that the pulling strains will be taken up by the draft gear, but the buffing blows must be resisted by the buffer stop on the draw head striking against some form of wooden buffer, as wood is the cheapest practical absorbent for blows that is known in the mechanical arts.

Illinois Central Passenger Cars for World's Fair Traffic.

There have been built at the Illinois Central shops in Chicago four sample cars, such as the company proposes to use for the World's Fair business. These cars em body the several ideas and plans suggested by the machinery and operating departments. The plan is to construct a car that will be capable of being loaded and unloaded quickly, strong and light, and yet one that can be used for other service, with but slight alterations. when the Exposition closes

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The first car built was patterned after the present suburban coaches with end platforms, Miller coupler and buffers, and clear story with the usual ventilating sashes. The car is 45 ft. long, having the suburban car body and roof framing. There are 20 seats placed across the car, similar to those in the well-known open summer street cars, dividing the car into 10 compartments. The

to the same height as the floor of the car as on the wheel equalizer pattern.

The other three cars have heavy 35-ft, freight car bod ies and freight car roofs, diamond arch bar trucks with rigid bolsters and elliptic springs. There are no end platforms, the ends being closed entirely. They have M. C. B. standard couplers, iron brakebeams and West-inghouse air brakes. These three cars differ from one inghouse air brakes. another only slightly in some of the details of finish; they are arranged similarly to the one first described above, having the cross seats and side entrances and no steps. There are eight compartments and they seat

bout 80 passengers.

The first car of suburban type described above weemed impracticable because it could not be convert. e it could not be converted into a standard car. Again there would be too many of them for regular suburban service after the fair and they would be too light for through traffic. The cars with freight car bodies can be converted into fruit or refrigerator cars with few alterations and slight cost and therefore they are better adapted to present and future The cars are painted and lettered to correspond with the standard passenger equipment and present a very good appearance. The three modified freight cars weigh about 28,000 lbs. each.

The New York Rapid Transit Commission.

The Supreme Court Rapid Transit Commission met at

20 p. m. on Monday, May 23. Mr. S. P. Nash filed an appearance on behalf of the cor-pration of Trinity Church, and M. N. Cohen, the Counsel for the Consolidated Telephone & Electric Subway Co., stated that his clients had no feelings antagonistic to the Commissioners' plans, but merely wished to throw out a warning to the Commissioners that at every street crossing the roof of the proposed tunnel would trespass on the premises of the subway company, there being at such points manholes from 9 to 15 ft. deep, which were necessary for handling the cables in the subway. Mr. Potter then called George H. Radford, of the firm

Vaux & Radford, the well-known architects, who stated that he had been a civil engineer for 45 years of which had been spent in this country. In England In England he had been an assistant in the office of Sir John Fowler during the construction of the Underground Railway, and saw the whole progress of that work, although not actually engaged in its construction. He described very clearly the difference between Broadway material and the material encountered in the construction of the London railroad, which was blue clay and compact gravel containing no water. The greater part of the construction was by excavation from the surface. In deep cuts the clay would stand vertically without much shoring. The foundations of London buildings are placed at shallow depths and are continuous walls, not isolated piers, as is the case with all the buildings on Broadway These walls were undercut and underpinned in 4 ft lengths opened from the surface. The witness said he had seen all the buildings erected here for many years, and he does not consider it practicable to go from 7 to 9 ft. under Broadway by means of a tunnel without the street settling. He considered it impossible to make the roof of an iron structure such as was proposed by the rapid transit plans tight and impervious to water gas, and doesn't care who says it can be made so. From Union Square to Thirty-fourth street, where rock is found at irregular depths of 4 ft, and more below the sur face, it would be practically impossible to build the tunnel without opening the surface of the street. The rock would have to be plugged and feathered to be removed, as it would not be safe to blast it, and it would be an exceedingly expensive and slow process. At Canal street the bottom of the proposed tunnel would be 10 ft. below tidewater, and the sheave-pit of the cable railroad at Houston street is so low that more than one-half mile of the tunnel would have to be built below tide level, and it would be impracticable to keep it clear of water after construction. All along Broadway he con-sidered that it would be necessary to shore up the fronts of the buildings in order to underpin the shallow walls and piers, and to open the street at the house lines to do the work. At the stations where the platforms extend ap to the house lines, he considered that the running of trains would endanger the property for business pur poses very materially. In rock foundations the passage poses very materially. In rock foundations the passage body and roof framing. There are 20 seats placed across the ear, similar to those in the well-known open summer street ears, dividing the car into 10 compartments. The seats are placed back to back. There are the usual openings at the sides of the car, between the seats. The siding is carried up opposite the ends of the seats and has a window above the belt rail. There are no doors to these side openings, but they are closed by means of sliding bars worked automatically and in unison by means of a lever and suitable rod connections attached to the sides of the car near the end. These bars or gates are locked and unlocked automatically by a simple gravity lock, designed by one of the shop workmen. The usual curtains for rainy weather will be provided. There are also seats at the ends of the cars facing the platforms. This car will carry about 110 people. There are no steps to the car, as all trains will be run through without stops between Jackson Park and the cause a very serious and annoying them a single dry goods man or occupant of ground floor gravel, the ask goods man or occupant of ground floor gravel, the passage of heavy trains through the proposed tunnel in any material, whether sand, rock or gravel, the passage of heavy trains through the produce a stimpt value of the said that the Commission had considered it important to make an effort to produce a system of Rapid Transit which should be integered to existing railroads, not dependent upon them for success, and therefore incapable of being throttled and defeated by blow-holes in the streets, and therefore incapable of combination and absorption by any existing railroads, not dependent upon them for success, and therefore incapable of combination and absorption by any existing railroads, not dependent upon them for success, and therefore incapable of combination and absorption by any existing railroads, not dependent of combination and absorption by any existing railroads, not dependent of combina of heavy trains would cause a very serious and annoying

as impracticable with the stations placed as close ogether as was proposed by the Commissioners. He ob-ceted to the whole scheme as not comprehensive, and independent of all existing lines, and not capable of communication with them. Travel in the confined spaces and the small cars proposed would be very objeconable, as the exhalation from the passengers would all be boxed in and there would be no possibility for the escape of the foul air. He did not think that the aver-age man would care to travel on the road at all, if built. He objected, moreover, to the method of construction providing for four chambers divided by thr rows of columns which were too close to the cars to in sure safety, as a derailment of a train at high spe would break down a column and thus let down the roo If the speed proposed by the Commissioners should attained, the danger by derailment in transit would be greatly incr

An unfortunate question by the counsel led the wit ness into the promulgation of his pet scheme for the ex-tension of Rapid Transit, which was to rebuild the Third Avenue Elevated road from Forty-second street to the City Hall, putting in a heavier structure and more tracks so that trains from the Hudson River and New Haven Railroads could run down direct to City Hall. As he remarked, he would make the Bowery below Cooper Union "a track yard." He would also bring the trains of the Harlem River and Portchester roads over the bridge at Second avenue, and down to South Ferry over the Second avenue track and wo make a loop at the Battery so that trains could run around from the east to the west side of the city if necessary. He thought that the work necessary for this could be done in 18 months, whereas it would take five or six years to build the road proposed by the Rapid Transit Commissione

His cross-examination by Mr. Bowers did not develop any new points except to set the counsel right as to his understanding of certain terms used in an unscientific popular magazine article on the "Underground Bailways of London," where "tunneling" was spoken of and Mr. Radford explained that the tunnels meant were merely short stretches underneath structures which had been already underpinned by working from the surface,

Mr. Lawson N. Fuller then asked permission for the ladies of Washington Heights to be heard before the Commission through their spokesman, a lady who is tutor in Greek in the Normal College.

The Commissioners appointed Wednesday for the hearing and then adjourned until 2:20 p. m. of Tuesday, May 24, when Mr. Potter put on the stand Frederick Southatch a real estate agent, who for 18 years has paid particu-lar attention to the leasing of property on Broadway from the Battery to 23d street. On this portion of Broadway the renting property is equivalent to about 1,000 lots of 25 ft, frontage by 100 ft. deep, and the average rental value is \$11,000 per annum per lot. In a large proportion of the frontage, the vaults outside of the buildings and under the sidewalk are occupied by boil-ers and steam engines. In the majority of instances the basements along the street which are lighter from the basements along the street which are lighter from the area way outside the building, are rented independ-ently of the first floor. In case of the construction of the proposed road, about 20 per cent. of these basements would be cut off from light by the stations, and could only be rented as dark storage rooms in con. nection with the store floor, and the rental value of the property would be seriously diminished. The probability of interruption of street traffic during construction of the railroad would deter tenants from making or renewing leases, with the result of lessening the value of the property, and diverting the business to other quarters and the final result of changing the entire character of the the final result of changing the entire character of the street. During this process of change rental values would be seriously deteriorated, and probably forever after in consequence of the annoyance produced by the passage of heavy trains through the tunnel.

Mr. Bowers did not make much headway in cross-examining this witness. He could not get him to assent the transposition that the opening of the roadway.

to the proposition that the opening of the roadway would be the worst or most annoying feature of the whole business, and when with a triumphant air he read to the witness from a pamphlet furnished him by Melville C. Smith the names of several persons who occupied offices in some of Mr. Potter's buildings, and who had once petitioned for the Arcade Road, the witness simply said that he did not recognize among them a single dry goo ds man or occupant of ground floo

termination. They did not permit any popular outcry against any particular existing corporation to affect their course, but they did consider that under the circumstances it was their duty to provide some entirely separate system, and give the people an opportunity to see whether it could be carried out.

He had nothing to say regarding Mr. Worthen's plans of procedure or estimates of cost. They were not promulgated by the Commission, nor was anybody's method of carrying a shield through the material adopted or indorsed by the Commission, nor was it their business to do so. If any party got the franchise he could go around among tunnel builders and compare their ideas and meth-ods and prices. The Commission could not do this. If it should prove to be necessary to open the surface for the whole length of Broadway, of course it would have to be done, but without having made a critical examination as an engineer, he thought that for a large portion of the way the structure could be built by tunneling, and that with care and cost the entire street could be tunneled. If it should prove necessary to open the whole street surface, the plan ought to be modified, but how he could not say

Mr. Potter then in his most suave and courtly man-er, asked the witness, "Supposing us to be free and ner, asked the witness, ner, asked the witness, "Supposing us to be free and uninfluenced by any feeling regarding the management of the elevated railroads, would not an elevated system be preferable in every respect to an underground system?" This brought Mr. Bowers to his feet, in a fearful state of excitement and full of objections, which the Chairman promptly calmed by observing that he did not think that the witness, as a Rapid Transit Commissioner, was called upon to answer the question.

Mr. Spencer went on to say that the Commission considered the practicability of elevated roads and all kinds of viaducts, and they had concluded to put before the public the underground scheme and go through all the required processes to find out whether they wanted it. As for himself he thought New York with its ele-vated roads was far ahead of London with its underground roads as regards Rapid Transit facilities.

To an inquiry from the chairman as to whether he thought capital would take hold of this scheme, the witness said he would be glad to throw light on that witness said he would be glad to throw light on that question, but could not and nobody could. The franchise had to be sold at auction and until people were ready to put up their money, no one would be willing to say anything about their intentions. In considering he question of capital, the Commissioners had decided to offer the underground scheme first, as being probably less certify the remainder that the pad considered. less costly than any viaduct scheme they had considered which was of equal efficiency. The witness was allowed to retire, having produced

by the prompt and intelligent manner in which he re, plied to all questions, and the breadth and fairness of the opinions he expressed a most favorable impression

on all his auditors.

There being no other witness present, the irrepressible Mr. Melville C. Smith rose to express his earnest conviction that any one who opposed a subterranean road on Broadway was either a knave or a fool, or words to

On Wednesday, May 25, Mr. Fuller introduced some ladies from Washington Heights, and Miss Merington read a paper opposing underground travel. Several additional property owners filed appearances in opposition to the Commissioners' plan.

On May 26 Mr. Berkwith again appeared to explain how the proposed road would damage the subway system, and Mr. Renwick, the architect, presented his reasons for thinking that the buildings on the street would be endangered by the proposed construction.

Punching and Shearing Machine.

The illustration shows one of a series of punching and shearing presses which the E. W. Bliss Co., Ltd., Brooklyn, N. Y., are now putting on the market. It will be noticed that the design combines great strength with neatness of appearance.

The clutch can be operated either by hand or foot, and in the large sizes of punching presses the clutch sleeve is disengaged by a positive device. The presses can also be furnished with automatic clutches which, in response to a pressure on the foot treadle, cause one complete stroke with an automatic stop at the highest point. This is preferable where the operator requires a longer time for getting ready for the following stroke than inter venes between two successive strokes of a machine run-

ning continuously.

The strippers are easily adjustable for different thicknesses, and the slide can be brought down upon the work by hand for adjusting purposes by means of the lever and capstan shown. The adjustment of the slide for each is effected by means of taper gibs extending the whole length of the guides, operated by a screw on top. The foot and hand levers are independent of each other, the operation of one leaving the other at rest. Stay rods, as shown, can be inserted for extra heavy work.

Shears for slitting and cross-cutting, and tools for gang runching, can be substituted for the punch and die shown.

The machines are made in all sizes, calculated to punch from a %-in. bole through %-in. iron to 2%-in. bole through 2%-in. iron, and to shear bars up to 1% in. × 10 in. The depth of throat varies from 6 in. to 48 in., and the weight from 1,200 lbs, to 70,000 lbs,

Electric Locomotives for Short Steam Roads.

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After all, the stages of evolution by which we have attained the present point in electric railroad work have been comparatively slow. Several years ago Mr. Leo Daft built an electric locomotive work for Elevated Railway experiments in this city. The motor was of about 125 H. P., and behind it the present writer more than once made the best speed he has ever seen on the Manhattan system. In 1886, Mr. Frank J. Sprague made some very interesting experiments on the same road with trains of individual motor cars, and also began the construction of a double bogie truck car, each axle driven by a 75 H. P. motor, making a 300 H. P. equipment, and weighing, with the car and passengers, about 30 tons. In 1886, also, Messrs. Bentley & Knight and the Rhode Island Locomotive. These plans were published in Martin & Wetzier's work on the electric motor, at the time, but, we believe, were never put into execution. More lately, the City & South London underground road has been operating with electric locomotives of about 100 H. P., made up by a 50 H. P. motor driving on each axle; and a few months ago, the Thomson Houston Co. built a locomotive of about 125 H. P. for freight service at Whitinaville, Mass. That locomotive, on trial, handled a train of four to six heavily loaded cars, or an aggregate load of 200 to 300 tons, at a speed of five miles an hour on a level.

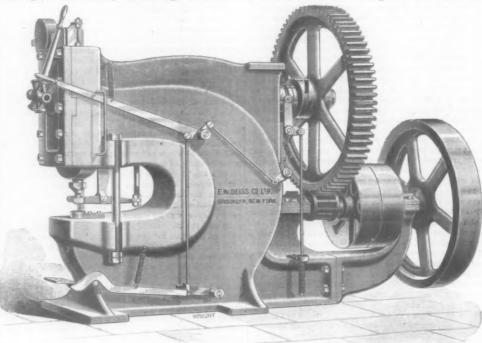
It might be said, with truth, that all this preliminary work does not touch the main issue, the practical substitution of electricity for steam on a regular steam road—but the new day has arrived, and we are glad to make note of two highly important events marking the initial steps of the change. Perhaps Mr. Henry Villard, the president of the North American Company, always a shrewd and enthusiastic heliever in the possibilities of electric traction, deserves the credit for making the first contract for electric locomotives on a steam road. He has been anxious to improve the facilities around his Northern Pacific termi

miles of track to change. On the 40 miles between London and Exeter, where the third rail was in place, the track is laid with cross ties. On this portion no immediate change was necessary, as the third rail and the double frogs can be taken up at leisure. The remainder of the road is laid on longitudinal stringers. The preparation for the change of gauge on this part of the line included opening up the ballast and cutting through a portion of the cross transoms, so that when the day for the change came the remaining transoms could be cut, and the longitudinals and ralls transferred to the standard gauge

It was expected that about 5,000 men would be employed in the work, being distributed along the line in gangs of 60, and it was hoped that the actual work of change of gauge would be completed on Saturday, and that Sunday would be sufficient to put things in order to resume regular traffic on Monday morning. About 25 miles of sidings were built at Swindon on which to mass the broad gauge rolling stock before the change was made. Between 3,000 and 4,000 vehicles had to be col-lected east of Exeter by Friday night. Nearly all of the passenger carriages were narrow gauge coaches on broad gauge trucks, so that the work of changing these would be short. It was expected that the entire change would cost about £1,000,000.

The Fontaine Continuous Railroad Crossing.

On Tuesday, May 31, the Fontaine Crossing Co. ran an excursion train from Chicago to Hannab, Ind., over the Pittsburgb, Fort Wayne & Chicago Bailroad, to show the Fontaine Continuous Crossing in actual service at



PUNCHING AND SHEARING MACHINE.

Change of Gauge on the Great Western of England.

The last of the broad gauge track on the Great Western Railway of England was converted from 7 ft. gauge the standard gauge on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 ar 22. We hope to give shortly a somewhat extended account of this work, but meantime give the following particulars. The Great Western has a mixed gauge from London to Exeter, that is, a third rail is used. Beyond Exeter the main line was all broad gauge except a short piece between Truro and Penzance. The broad gauge line west of Exeter was about 200 miles, and including second track and sidings there was about 300

Mr. Sprague for an electric locomotive of not less than 700 H. P. to handle the traffic. The Thomson-Houston Co. will also, it is said, build a locomotive of similar capacity for the same work.

Following quickly upon this action of Mr. Villard comes the news of the determination of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. to equip the tunnel of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. to equip the tunnel of the Baltimore Belt Railroad with electric locomotives and the necessary power plant. Although various reports have been published as to the details of this work, it was not until the contract involves that the details of the contract were finally settled. As far as can be ascertained, the contract involves the building, for delivery early next year, of three 8t-ton locomotives, which are to develop, approximately, a draw-bar pull of 31,000 lbs. at 15 miles an hour. A station of about 2,500 horse-power will be installed with four units and direct-coupled engines and generators. This station will be midway in a run of 12,000 ft. The maximum work required of each locomotive in developing this frawbar pull is to move a 1,200-ton freight train over a grade of about eight-tenths of one per cent. at 15 miles an hour over a similar grade. Each locomotive and in passenger service, to move a 500-ton train at 30 miles an hour over a similar grade. Each locomotive will also be expected to serve as a reserve or assistant engine for the regular steam locomotive just outside the tunnel, when the latter is hauling a freight train up a grade of 1 % per cent. All told, there will be about 200 trains a day of each class. The tunnel is also to be lit by electricity.—Electrical Engineer.

Change of Gause on the Creat Wastern of England. The Fontaine Crossing was fully described in the Rail-road Gazette of June 19 and Dec. 18, 1891. Representa-tives from nearly all the railroads entering Chicago were ent, and much interest was shown in the devices exhibited.

The Franklin Institute on the Rhode Island Com-

The committee appointed by the Franklin Institute to examine into the application of the Rhode Island Loco motive Works for the Elliott Cresson medal for a com pound locomotive cylinder arrangement invented by Mr. C. H. Batchellor, Chief Draftsman of the Rhode Island Locomotive Works, has made its report. The recommendation of the committee is as follows:

"We have here the most scientific development of a

two-cylinder compound engine, automatically adapted to all requirements of variable service. Your sub-committee having examined the mechanisms and applications of these improvements in detail, as well as all the disinterested records of the same at its command, and having carefully noted and compared the devices and claims therefor, of other inventions for a like purpose, concludes this report by recommending the award of the Elliott Cresson medal to Mr. C. H. Batchellor, for his invention."

The committee has based this report on tests made of the locomotive in question by the Rhode Island Locomo-ive Works. These tests are given in the first appendix to the report. The tests are given in the instappendix to the report. The tests are those which we have before published (see Railroad Gazette, Jan. 9, 1891, and Dec. 11, 1891), and were made on the New York, Providence & Boston, the Boston & Albany, and on the Union Elevated Railroad in Brooklyn. The tests were sent out to the public by the Rhode Island Locomotive Works some time ago in a circular. The second appendix to the report describes existing inventions and mechanisms devised for operating two-cylinder compounds and contains data respecting English, French and United States patents on devices used in connection with two-cylinder compound locomotives; also other data bearing upon the use of steam in compound locomotives. The report is a use of steam in compound locomotives. The report is a rather long one and contains some interesting matter, most of which has been before published, about the practical use of designs of compound locomotives already built. The following paragraphs from the appendix more particularly refer to the Rhode Island compound, and indicate somewhat the ground of the committee for recommending the granting of the Ellicit committee for recommending the granting of the Elliott Cresson medal for the Batchellor invention: "When starting a locomotive its greatest power is

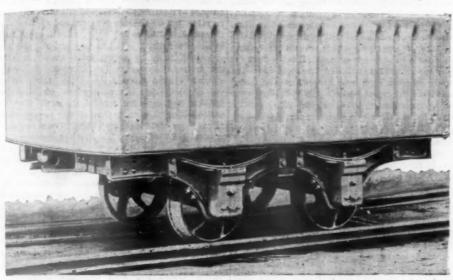
lution and must gradually cease to have power if this process continues, and that this effect happens just at the time when the greatest power is needed; and again when this chamber gets relief the engine at once ceases to be a simple engine and goes into compound working. If the engine has not got under way by this time it must balk and simple running be,tried over again. . . . The perfected state of the art must exhibit a two-cylinder compound locomotive engine, whose mechanism is simplest in form and number of working parts and whose steam ways are most uniform in section and most direct in course from boiler to the point of application. In so far as your committee has ascertained from every reliable source at its command the mechanism devised by Mr. C. H. Batchellor practically fulfills this requirement.

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In this engine we have all the necessary devices by which a locomotive may be run at any time and at any place on the road and for any length of time demanded by the service, as a simple engine; each cyvinder doing exactly half the work, whatever that may be, and without waste of steam. In addition to this, at the will of the engineer and at any time he chooses to exercise it, according to the conditions of running, he changes his engine into compound working, permitting it to operate thus as long as circumstances will warrant, and then he changes it back again at once into simple working. These changes are made as easily as the engineer turns his hand to open or close one valve, by a handy lever in his cah, and he does this when the engine is standing or running."

Smokeless Locomotives.

The Secretary of the Society for the Prevention Smoke has addressed a letter, bearing date of April 30, 1892, to the managers of the railroads entering Chicago, and also to the division heads of the Brotherhood of Lo comotive Engineers, relative to the abatement of the smoke nuisance in that city. The letter to the Brotherhood in effect says: The So-



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railroads we say, give your men every facility and op-portunity to control the smoke. Make it as easy for them as possible. By doing this you serve your own and the interests of the public. To the engineers we say, be as diligent and careful as you reasonably can in using every means at your command to suppress smoke. By doing this you will serve your interests and those of the public,"

Pressed Steel Coal Car.

The illustration shows a pressed steel coal car made by the Leeds Forge Co., Limited, Leeds, England, under the Fox patents, for use in underground workings. These the Fox patents, for use in underground workings. These cars are designed more particularly for carrying coal and are adapted to be used either in the pits or for taking coal from the pit mouth to boats or cars for shipment. The underframe is made of pressed steel parts ¼ of an inch thick and is not unlike the Fox freight car truck used in this country, except that the framing has end sills. The truck is 7 ft. long and 4 ft. wide. The sides of the body are ¼ of an inch thick and are corrugated togive rigidity and obviate the need of stays or stakes. The total weight including wheels, axies and springs. The total weight, including wheels, axles and springs, ready for use, is 720 lbs. These cars have proved very satisfactory in English colliery work on account of their light weight and small cost for repairs.

The Monier System of Iron and Cement Construction.

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The Monier System of Iron and cement construction, of which so much has been said and written in the past year or two, is made the subject of some interesting notes in a recent issue of the *Revue Industrielle*. Mr. Monier's system, which is patented, consists, as is now pretty well known, of a combination of comparatively light iron rods, which form a sort of frame work, and of cement mortar, which is poured around it, the combination forming, it is claimed, a structure of great strength and comparative lightness. The questions which have presented themselves in connection with it have been these: Will not the iron rust under the conditions of its use? Will not the iron rust under the conditions of its use? Will into the iron in the cement in protected against all outside corroding agents, and can, therefore, not rust. Several years' experience with some Monier work is said to have established this beyond doubt. As to the adherence between the cement and the iron this also has been found to be excellent, and a number of experiments made to test this point are said to have given satisfactory results. The answer to the third question concerning temperatures a collection of materials having such co-efficients of expansion as cement and iron. a general breaking up would occur. Still, M. Monier's experiments in this direction also are understood to have given good results. The advantages of the Monier system are summarized as follows: Solidity, lightness, low cost, and rapidity of construction. For all work where water tightness is necessary the system is recommended. When it was first proposed to follow the system are summarized as follows: Solidity, lightness, low cost, and rapidity of construction. For all work where water tightness is necessary the system is the may again be applied equally successfully. Its use in bridge building, however, is one of the latest and most novel applications, the results, as given, being in favor of the system. In the constructio

An Experiment with Aluminum in Iron Castings.

Some experiments with aluminum in iron castings have been made by Mr. W. Wallace Christie for the Ramapo Iron Works. The results are given in a paper read before the San Francisco meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The results of the experiments as given in this paper are about as follows: Two mixtures for cast metal were made and the castings tested. The mixtures were:

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The melting was done in a brass founder's furnace and required about three hours time to melt. After being melted the ferro-silicate of iron and aluminum was an added and thoroughly stirred into the mass. The castings were made in green sand molds without charcoal facing. When the skin of sand was removed the castings were found smooth and clean. The castings were found smooth and clean. The castings were l's in. diameter by 14 in. long.

There was some difference found in the metals when under heat, mixture No. 1 being very fluid when hot and white and had to be poured quickly as it cooled rapidly. It made a homogeneous casting, had a very bright fracture and could not be cut by a specially hard tempered tool. Mixture No. 2 was not so founder so white when melted; casting was not so homogeneous and had a duller fracture. It was very hard and resisted cutting tools more than No. 1. Both specimens retain their original brightness of fracture after a year's exposure, crumble at a high red heat and could be worked slightly under a steam hammer at a dull red heat.

Mixture No. 1 flattened to 1½ in. and No. 2 to 34 in. before crumbling. No. 1 was subjected to a tension test after being remelted and cast into suitable shape. It broke at 44,700 lbs. per sq. in., the fracture occurring in the jaws of machine, and in the large section owing to a cinder flaw in casting. The tensile strength would have been higher but for the flaw in the casting and the uneven grip in the jaws of the machine. In the impact machine, with six inches between supports, a weight of 25 lbs. falling 1½ in. was required to break a circular section of 31 sq. in. The ferro-silicate of iron and aluminum used was an ordinary commercial article. The writer suggests using these mixtures for fioor plates where wear and not strength is needed,



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From the Blue Book showing the brake equipment passenger stock in the United Kingdom at the end of 1891 we find that 91 per cent. of all vehi cles run in passenger trains was equipped with the three brakes. which comply with the Board of Trade's requirements. viz., automatic vacuum, 34,513, Westinghouse, 17,534, and Steel McInnes, 34. At the end of June, 1891, the percentage so equipped was 86. In 1884, 44 per cent. all carriages, etc., was equipped with these three brakes. Since then the progress has been uninter-rupted, each half year's returns showing a gain on the brakes. preceding half year. At the end of 1891 the engines equipped with apparatus for operating these brakes ere 93 per cent. of all; or automatic vacuum, 8,260, and Westinghouse, 2,465. In most cases these engines have steam driver brakes also. At the end of June in the same year they were 83 per cent. The passenger train miles run with this equipment were 781 million or 87 per cent. of all the passenger train mileage of the United Kingdom. There are in use in passenger service of the United Kingdom half a dozen other continuous brakes which comply with some, but not all, of the conditions of the Board of Trade, but the use of these is quite limited. The carriages fitted with them were 2,875, and the passenger train miles run by this stock were 8.6 million, or 9.7 per cent, of the total. Finally, there 7,716 vehicles not fitted with continuous brakes, but of these 5,942 are piped.

The Board of Trade requirements, which we have repeatedly published, and which were put in force 1877, are that the brake shall be efficient, instantaneous, easily applied, automatic, capable of being put on or released from the engine or any vehicle of the train, in regular use, and durable. It is well known to our readers that the half yearly returns contain reports from the railroad companies of failures of the brakes to work and of delays to trains caused by them, and we have several times analyzed these reports to ascertain the relative effi-ciency of the two brakes mostly used. The classification of brake failures is: (1) Failure to act when required in case of accident to a train or a collision being imminent. (2) Failure to act under ordinary circumstances to stop a train. (3) Delays to traffic because of defects or failures, etc. Leaving out all the cases where the trouble came from the fault of employes, we find that of the second class the Westinghouse had .0.11 failures in a million train miles and the automatic vacuum 0.06. Of troubles of the third class the Westinghouse had 5.51 and the automatic vacuum 5.4 for each million train miles. This is leaving out cases of bursted hose on the Westinghouse cars. se almost doubled the cases of delays. For three

these returns, the automatic vacuum made twice as many failures of the third class and nearly twice as many of the second as the Westinghouse; but in this last half year the conditions have changed apparently. With neither brake was there any failure of the first This is a wonderful record when you con that it is for 781 million passenger train miles, or 91 times the passenger train movement of the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1890. It suggests, not that brakes are more efficient in England than in the United States, but that an English runner is seldom caught without enough warning to apply his brakes.

Last week we published an article by Mr. Kreuzpointer on firebox steel, in which he describes various causes of laminations and defects in the structure of steel, but we cannot see that he has shown how to detect a lamination in a steel firebox plate He recommends polishing the edges of the plate and etching with acid or nicking the plate and bending it over. No one can doubt that either of these show a lamination, if one existed the piece that is bent; but if the lamination is in the centre of the plate and a test piece cut for determining lamination is taken from the edge, it is not clear how such test piece, whether it contains a lamination or not, is any indication of the structure of the steel in the middle of the plate. The test proposed would be all right provided in every in e the lamination extended throughout the plate but the fact is that many times there are local lamina tions which do not extend to the edge, and, therefore, any test to be of really practical value must consider the centre of the plate, which cannot be etched neither can it be nicked or broken. It is not clear yet that we have a test for laminations that will determine certainly whether such are present in the centre of a firebox plate or not, and we must still rely on the esty, skill and care of the steel makers.

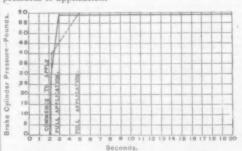
Some one has said that the degree of civilization of nation may be measured by its consumption of iron This doubtless would show ancient Athens, and Florence in its flourishing period, to have been barbarians mpared with modern Egypt or the Sandwich Islands -not to get nearer home; but there is probably some relation between iron consumption and the progre made in material production. That is, the people who consume most iron probably increase the produc tion of their industries in general faster than those who consume less. Judged by this, Russia must be a long way from the head of the procession. Its production of iron and steel of all kinds in 1889, plus its imports in that year, which must have been substantially equato its consumption, amounted to only 1.615,962 long tons in 1889, or to only 40 lbs. per inhabitant. country last year (when the consumption was less than the year before) 65,000,000 of us made way with nearly times as much iron as the 90,000,000 of Russians giv or about 300 lbs. apiece, so that we may conclude that we have seven and a half times as much swee and light as the Russians. The latter are trying hard to get more, however, or at least the government and has called upon the railroads to help. Protective tariffs have already created an important iron indus try in Russia; and its domestic production of iron and steel in 1889 was nearly seven times as great as its imports; moreover the railroads and some other cons ers for some years have been required to purchase rails, etc, of Russian manufacture solely. cers are few, the competition limited, and the cost of unman producers are few, unmanufactured iron is said to be so great that those manufac tures which require much iron to work up do not make satisfactory progress. Unfortunately the chief de-posits of ore are in the extreme East of European Russia, while the larger part of the population is in the West, which makes a great deal of transportation neces sary. To lessen the burden of this, new and greatly re duced rates on ores and unmanufactured iron were introduced last March, which will, it is hoped, greatly facilitate consumption. As the railroads have dividends guaranteed, only those of them can complain which earn more than the guaranteed dividend. is, the measure is in the nature of a subsidy to the coners (perhaps to the producers also) of iron, the co of which subsidy will be advanced by the railroads. and eventually, in most cases, refunded by the gov-

On the Norfolk & Western, where the block system has been used for nearly three years, there is one pe culiarity which we have not seen anywhere else, and half years in 1889 and 1890, of which we examined throughout a division 130 miles long, while westbound 60 pounds, as shown by the dotted lines,

freight trains are run by the time interval system, under the old rules, the interval being 10 minutes. Passenger trains are run under the absolute block system in both directions. The reason for adopting this arrange ment is a very practical one, and illustrates how rigidly the question of expense limits the power of a superin tendent who may wish to seek "safety first and speed afterwards," on a road where the traffic is not be The explanation is simple: there has been no trouble from rear collisions with westbound trains, whereas there was some trouble of this kind with eastbound trains. These are heavy, consisting largely of coal and coke, and the increase of weight in loaded cars during the last few years has of course been marked here as elsewhere, and the difficulties incident to handling trains on steep grades have doubtless increased, as they have on nearly all other roads. On the other hand the westbound trains are composed almost entirely of empty cars, and are easily controlled. standing this difference, one naturally asks why, in view of the fact that operators are on duty at every station, and every one of them familiar with the block system, it is not just as easy to block all trains as to block only half of them. But here we come to the stubborn fact that a space interval system, rigidly applied, does involve constant delays, unless additional telegraph stations are established. The delays are often small, but numerous enough to be very annoying. This is found to be the case on nearly every road. It is the immediate reason why the block system is not adopted by numerous superintendents who fully realize its value, but who cannot get increased appropriations for operators' salaries unless they have been so unfor tunate in the past as to be able to practically prove that there will be a big saving in the future by adopting a safer system. The Norfolk & Western officers evidently save a little time by the use of the time interval system on westbound freights, and thus are enabled to waste time with stbound trains to such extent as may be necessary to block them a station apart without establishing the new telegraph offices which would be necessary if all trains were treated alike. The westbound trains run 20 miles an hour. The Norfolk & Western now operates the block system on 246 miles of road. On the Lynchburg division, 130 miles long, the system is opered as above described. The daily movement on this division is about 45 freight trains, all of which are ible headers, and eight passenger trains. Radford division, 105 miles long, the freight trains are generally run under permissive signals. ing 11 miles is on the Pocahontas division.

Ouick and Slow Acting Brakes.

At one of the public meetings of the Master Car Builders' Committee on Air Brakes, the argument was offered that a brake that would commence to apply on the rear of a 50-car train in the short time proed, namely, less than three seconds, and thereafter more slowly attain to full pressure than was proposed, namely less than 3) seconds, would, if it finally equalized to a higher pressure, produce a shorter stop and less shock. Several tests were cited to prove this claim, and the data from those tests were presented. Such claims as this have been made before, and are w advanced by those who are interested in brakes that slowly reach full application after they commence The fallacy of this reasoning about quickof application does not appear at first and not until the numerical values are given to the times and res of application



To illustrate the action clearly and conclusively, we have prepared a diagram of braking power pressures, shows the actions of two brakes: one a strictly 'quick acting" brake, with which the brakes commend to apply at the end of a fifty-car train in 2.2 seconds, and are full on in 3 seconds; and the other a comparatively slow acting brake, commencing to apply at the same time and not fully applied until 5 seconds have that is that freight trains are blocked one way but not the other. All eastbound freight trains are blocked diagram, fully applies at 59 pounds, and the other at are measures of the retardation of the brakes up to that point as long as the speed of the train is constant; s the speed decreases after the time of the first application of the brake shoes to the wheels, the areas of the diagrams are not correct representations of the comparative amounts of brake work done on the train by the two brakes being compared. Therefore, one must look further than this for a proof of the superiority of the brake that is fully on in the shortest time.

Manifestly that brake is best which forces the shoes hardest against the wheels at the higher speeds, as then the distance traveled over by the train, and the distance that the shoes travel over the surface of the wheels are greater. The work done by a brake shoe in a given time is proportional to the number of feet of the tread of the wheel which passes under the shoe in that time (this is, of course, with a practically constant speed), and, therefore, the most work will generally be done by the brake which applies the shoes hardest at the highest speeds. Hence, the area between the dotted line and the full line before the full application of the slower brake represents an actual increase of work done to stop the train in the first three seconds; but as before stated, the increased area does not give di rectly the increase in brake work done, for the reas that the actual increase of work is greater than the in-crease of area shows. That is, the increase of area shown before full application indicates more effective work done in stopping the train than a simple comparson of the areas would show.

The increase of one pound per square inch in the cylinder during the latter part of the stop is not the equivalent of the gain in the first part and is, besides, detrimental, as the ideal brake for an emergency stop is one that will apply instantly with full and very great force when the engineer's valve is opened, and will thereafter become reduced so as to gain the greatest stopping force without skidding the wheels. The greatest retardation is gained just before the wheels commence to slide on the rails. Several times as much pressure can be applied to the brake shoes when the train is at a speed of 60 miles per hour without sliding the wheels as can be applied at five miles per hour. This is because the coefficient of friction is much reduced at the higher speeds; hence, it is clear that the ideal brake is one that will apply with great force at high speeds and be reduced in force as the speed is re-Evidently the ideal is more nearly approached by the brake having an action, as shown by the full line on the diagram, than by the one having an action, as shown by the dotted lines. All this was conclusively proved by the Burlington brake trials in 1886. not a new argument to those who have studied the results then obtained.

What is the Interstate Commerce Law Good For?

The above question, with a discussion showing that cerely believes that the true answer to it is of a decidedly negative character, has appeared in a good many newspapers since the publication of the decision of the United States Supreme Court on the party-rate case; and it is clear that the rather vague criticisms of the law which have appeared whenever the inadequacy of some one of its provisions has been brought out by this, that and the other complaint, have in the aggregate served to create in the minds of many editors and others a settled feeling that this law designed to cure a great variety of evils, is, after all, made up of a parcel of unsound doctrines and therefore is really capable of doing no good at all. Our title is not a verbatim copy of all those which we but it truly represents the sense. Some of the most intelligent of the daily newspapers seem to be gradually giving up to the view, held by a good many peo-ple in the West, that the Interstate Commerce law is either a disguised attempt of the wealthy East to op-press the poor people of the West or else is a clumsy

These disappointed people have expected too much from legislation, and the failure of their expectations is a natural result. The trouble must be due chiefly to their careless reading of the law. The fact that these false hopes have been indulged in for five years does not make them any less false. It is true that the decisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission have helped very materially to sustain these erroneous views. Many ese decisions, especially during the earlier years carried the implication that the law was a strong and rigid fabric, capable of sustaining the right and crush before, to be watched by the Commission; and it comes peculiarly within the province of a commission. Rail-roads must carry trainloads and carloads of passengers cheaper than transients, in order to make the best use of the common law, they uttered them without apology or qualification; and this assumption of the writers before, to be watched by the Commission; and it comes peculiarly within the province of a commission. Rail-roads must carry trainloads and carloads of passengers cheaper than transients, in order to make the best use of their cars and other facilities, and to be able to serve the San Francisco meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, entitle American Soci ing out wrongs to an unlimited extent. When the sa-

The areas of the diagrams up to any point of time having proved correct, the decisions stood. But those who now complain that their doll is made of sawdust gave all the credit for the good results of these decisions to supposed specific provisions of the Interstate Commerce Law. A great many of the questions that came before the Commissioners, or rather of the questions that they discussed and decided, were ich a nature that the verdict had to be a compromise, but Judge Cooley and his colleagues succeeded for a long time in adjusting these compromises just about right, and so this false confidence in the law as a whole kept growing and becoming strong by the mere lapse of time. But after awhile the easy questions were disposed of and harder ones came up; questions on which a decision based on common sense would not be accepted by rival interests, because they preferred to fight it out to the death; and the trouble began. Judge Cooley made some mistakes, and his ill health, together with the retirement of other well qualified men, led to the decision of important questions by men who were pretty sure to make mistakes even when not in ill-

The discussion of the party-rate case illustrates the superficial way in which people have looked upon the Interstate Commerce law as a magic device to perfectly preserve the balance between conflicting terests involving billions of money. In the first place, nearly every one assumes that, if the courts had not given this decision, the opinion of the Interstate Com-Commission, forbidding one-way party rates, would have had the force of law. Those who do not ssume this discuss the matter as though they more than half assumed it and thus keep up the false impression. But it is as plain as the title page of a dictionary that the Commission has no such power. Those sections of the law defining its authority make very clear the fact that its powers in rate making are recommendatory only. Moreover, the distinction between one-way party rates and excursion rates, which are generally round-trip party rates, is exceedingly fanciful if not wholly arbitrary, and the decision of the Commission was entirely dependent upon this distinction for its force, as "excursion tickets" are specifically excepted from the operation of the law. the case, those roads which chose to ignore the Com nission's order on the ground that it lacked the main element which should give force to such an order—common sense—had strong justification.
Those roads which abolished one-way party rates and took so much pains to announce that their action was due to their respect for the law probably in most cases deemed the abolition good policy, in their respective cases, law or no law. This is an instance of the fact that railroad men as well as other people have done a good deal to give a fictitious imports to certain features of the Interstate Commerce law. Everyone has noticed how the implied prohibition of free tickets, found in certain sections of the law, has been seized upon by managers to cut off passes in other ases where the law had nothing to say on the subject, but where the managers had not the courage to declare the real reason for freezing out their "friends."

The application of the wholesale and retail principle in railroad rates, as we pointed out last week, was one of the two simple questions decided by the Supreme Court, and the decision shows with perfect clearness that that principle, when not abused, is not disturbed by the Act to Regulate Commerce; but newspapers discussing the matter seem to become befogged by unofficial utterances of this, that or the other "author ity." and anxiously inquire what is to become of that important section of the law which was designed to protect small shippers against the greed and power of large ones. But right here is found the best evidence of the wisdom of the framers of the law. Knowing the impossibility of trying to enforce high rates on cheap goods, or unduly low rates on merchandise which can afford to pay better, which would have to be done in defiance of the most powerful natural laws of commerce (it is done with postage rates by sheer force of government money), they carefully adjusted the law so as to empower the Commission to repair this kind of injustice where it might be found pos to do so, and to keep its hands off where the problem proved too complex to be successfully undertaken.

Other inquirers mix up their discussions about the affirmation by the Court of the wholesale-and-retail principle with anxious fears about the extent to which the principle may be applied. But the Court took particular care not to touch this point, and it is left, as before, to be watched by the Commission; and it comes

does not warrant them in carrying a horde of drummers at less than cost, to stimulate competitive freight business which is of doubtful value in itself, nor in selling 5,000-mile tickets at very low rates to scalpers who will advance the road a few thousand dollars when the treasury is empty-to the injury of good customers who can afford to buy only 1,000 miles at a time The Commission has the authority, and should have the power and facilities to look out for abuses of this kind. It is true that the Commission has a delicate task to perform in deciding whether party rates at 10 per cent. discount should be granted to parties of 5, or only to parties of 10 or 15; but the existence of delicate questions is just what led to the creation of the Commission. Questions which easily settled can be provided for by rigid laws. true also that settlements of delicate questions do not "stay put" as one would like to have them, but what better can we do? Is it not better to have them aired than to let discrimination go on undisturbed?

The good and the evil in the Interstate Commerce law have come to be quite clearly defined and separ able, and there is no sense in the demand for the repeal of the law-as a whole. The prohibition of pooling, so far as it was obeyed, undoubtedly tended to promote consolidations and traffic agreements like that between the Chicago & Northwestern and the Union Pacific; and to intensify competition in other cases, whether to the benefit of the public or otherwise, the public will find out some time in the future, probably. The rigid application of the long and short haul section has doubtless done harm to particular roads in some few ases, and to some sections of the public a those roads. Whether those whose interests have thus been sacrificed for the benefit of the larger public which has been benefited by the fourth section can be induced to submit always to the inequality remains to

These two features, broadly speaking, embrace the serious objections. All other criticisms of moment refer to sections which have failed because the Commission could not or would not enforce them. Publicity of rates is good, and reforms have been accomplished But the Commission needs 50 members instead of five if it is to enforce this section. Unjust discrimination is possible even with the utmost publicity of tariffs and honesty in using them, and many evils this sort will always be beyond the power of any law or commission to cure; they must be left to the action of natural laws; but it is noticeable that the worst discriminations now complained of are those perpetrated by direct violation of the section requiring publicity. The whole difficulty lies in the doing of acts admitted to be wrong, in defiance of a law admitted to be right, Why repeal such a law? It would be just as reasonable to repeal all tax laws because there are numerous tax dodgers. Tax assessors have thus far been unable to enforce justice when half the property owners are liars, and five Interstate Commerce Commissioners will be unequal to the task of reining hundreds of railroad officers into line as long as the individual states promote disorder by building too many railroads, and Congress abets the evil by letting them fight each other with barbarous weapons

Clearly, numerous things are beyond the power even of the most capable commission, but when we onsider the limitation of salary and the demands of politics which hamper the President in appointwe must make the list of possibilities still larger. It must be remembered that some of the weightiest criticisms of the Commission have been those based on the conviction that certain decisions made by it were tinged with political motives, but that is no fault of the Interstate Co law. One of the best features of that law is that providing for the Commission. The best function of th mission is to act as a lubricant between railroads and the public. In this the law is based on the best previous laws of the kind, those of England and Massachusetts. But the strength of those laws lay chiefly in the ability and character of the Commissioners appointed under them, and we must not blame the law because the conditions of our political system prevent a fair trial of it. If we repeal it now because of its failures, let it be understood that these are due not to the construction of the act itself (except in the matter of salaries), but to encies or faults in its administration

High Speed Electric Railroads and Air Pressures.

In a paper before the San Francisco meeting of the

tute of Electrical Engineers in 1891; "The Limitation of tute of Electrical Engineers in 1891; "The Limitation of Steam and Electricity in Transportation," before the same Institute, May 21, 1890; and "An Experimental Study of Atmospheric Resistance," before the West Point Branch of the United States Military Service Institute in 1890.

Mr. Dashiell begins by saving that "it is the intention of the writer to give some information for record before this Society which will throw light upon the question of high speed train resistance deduced from tabulated ex-periments at such speeds." The data that he gives were taken from experiments made by Mr. Crosby with a 2%ton motor on a circular road. The results are interest ing in what they indicate rather than in what they prove. The table giving the air resistance at various speeds is the most useful, if correct, of the data presented. The air pressure per square foot on a surface having 5 sq. ft. of area is as follows:

Of course, the pressures on larger areas, such as those common with railroad trains, will be somewhat different, but it is probable that the ratios of the pressures on larger areas at different speeds would be about the same as those given for five square feet. It was noticeable in the Forth bridge experiments that the large board, 15 × 20 ft., had a pressure on it averaging about 19 lbs. pe ft., while the smaller board, having an area of 14 ft., under the same conditions, registered 31 lbs per square foot. The difference was due, perhaps, to the friction on the periphery of the board, which is manifestly greater in proportion to the area on the small board than for the large board. Therefore, it might be expected that for large areas, such as the front end of an ordinary railroad train having 90 to 100 sq. ft. area, the pressures per square foot would be less than those obtained by Mr. Crosby. Hence, it may, perhaps be safe to use as a maximum figure the pressures per square foot which he obtained at the various speeds.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Dashiell has not given in s paper the plan followed in compiling the table, ys: "By careful study the writer has been able compile a table of train resistances on a level where heavy rails and good track construction were the aim of the railroads making these speeds. The table gives the total resistance at various speeds and various areas exposed to the atmosphere per ton of locomotive and train using Trautwine's table of resistance for curves. Thus the total resistances other than those due to the at mosphere were found to be at 120 miles per hour 20 lbs per ton of moving weight, and at 60 miles per hour 12.8 bs. per ton." It is not stated how these last results lbs. per ton. were obtained, and before the tables given can be relied

were obtained, and before the tables given can be relied upon an explanation should be made as to this point.

From the title, "The Electrical Railway as Applied to Steam Hoads," one might expect to find some data or speculation about the feasibility of operating steam surface roads by electricity, but nothing of the sort is given. Reference is made to the well-known switching process designed by the Thompson Houston Electric Commotor, designed by the Thomson-Houston Electric Company, and used at Whitinsville, Mass, having a capacity of about 100-H. P., which enables it to pull a train of "6 to 12 heavily loaded freight cars" at a speed of five miles perhour.*

A mail car being used in St. Louis on 16 miles of road,

A man car being used in St. Joins on to miles of road, driven by two standard street railroad motors, is also described, and reference is made to the speculative electric road between Chicago and St. Louis, where it is proposed to run trains at a speed of 100 miles per hour. Those who have read the promises and speculations of electric companies, with respect to the operation of surface roads by electricity, and who have been led to believe that sweathing of the sort was being done or about the that something of the sort was being done, or about to be done, and that motors of sufficient capacity had been prepared, will not find much in this paper to bear out what has been said about the feasibility of electricity for heavy service. If this paper describes all that has been done up to date, then the 100-H. P. motor hauling 12 (f) cars at five miles an hour is the maximum. where is the Thomson - Houston 500 - H.

What is wanted and what has been promis and speculated about is a motor that will haul, more particularly in suburban service, a substantial passenger train, at speeds varying from zero to 40 miles an hour, making frequent stops. A five hundred horse power electric motor is needed before the problem will ap-

The Russian Government last February issued a decree requiring that all appointments to the higher offices of Russian railroad companies shall be subjected to the approval of the Minister of Transportation. The officers thus made dependent on the Ministry are: General man-agers, superintendents of track and buildings and of operation, storekeepers, chief surgeons, auditors, division superintendents, traveling auditors, foremen of principal shops, and the assistants of all these who fill their places during their absence. The directors of the companies now not only cannot appoint, but they cannot remov officers without the Minister's approval, so that the fire care of every official naturally will be to become "solid with the Minister. It would seem strange in this country to see a document like this:

"The Board of Directors of the New York Central &

"Four to six cars, weighing 200 to 300 tons, at five miles an

Hudson River Railroad respectfully request the confirmation of their election of Chauncey M. Depew as President of their company. "Attest, the Secretary."

Approved: OHN WANAMAKER.

'Disapproved," in such a case, of course, is unthink

The Chicago City Council, in receiving a report from the Elevated Terminal Commission a week or two a summarily voted to extinguish the Commission, this sult evidently being due to some sleight-of-hand trick worked by some member. This Commission, it will be remembered, was appointed by the Mayor some time ago to consider the whole subject of railroad terminals in that city. At a subsequent meeting this foolish action was reconsidered, and the vote practically repealed, but the Commission is now limited to three nonths' life and its expenses to \$5,000. The Commis sioner of Public Works has been directed to prepare plans for the elevation or depression of the Kinzie street tracks of the Chicago & Northwestern at Rush street together with estimates of cost, and also see what arrangements can be made with the railroad company to pay the costs

The new and energetic Russian Minister of Transport tation—an experienced railroad manager—has taken the matter of free passes on the Russian railroads; at this distance it looks as if he had taken it up at the wrong end; that is, it is passes to employes and their families which are engaging his attention. The data collected show that on the Russian railroads in 1888little more than 18,000 miles—1,500,000 trip passes were granted, and more than 10,000 passes for the whole year. It is thought that this is too much of a good thing. The number of tickets sold in that year was 36,774,000. It is said that a new set of rules strictly limiting the cases in which passes may be granted has been decided upon, but it has not vet been published.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Dictionary of Electrical Words, Terms and Phrases.
By Professor Edwin J. Houston. New York: The W.
J. Johnston Co., Limited. Price, \$5.

This is a revision of the similar work by the sam author and publisher, issued in 1889, but the present volume is a large octavo, and contains 562 double column pages. It is a copiously illustrated encyclopedia rather than a dictionary, and has been entirely re-written and doubled in size, there being about 5,000 definitions. The paper, typography and press work are excellent. edition of 1889 was avowedly an imperfect one, it being a pioneer in the field. The present edition, while free from the prominent faults of the first, must still be regarded as imperfect, as such an ambitious work one man, with little assistance, must naturally be Moreover, the electrical arts and sciences continue t rapidly grow, and there are probably as many doubtful and unsettled definitions as three years ago The electrical field has now become so broad that a work of this kind can only be made thoroughly com plete by placing the different branches in the hands of specialists, who should be given due credit for their share in its preparation or supervision, and whose names would in themselves guarantee that each depart ment had received due attention. This idea has be only partially carried out in this work.

As an example of the criticisms that railroad men will at once make, mention may be made of the fact that ar illustrated description is given of an automatic block signal system, employing a battery on the locomotivea system which probably was never used anywhere-while the electro-pneumatic block system, an important application of electricity, has only four lines given to it and the Hall signal is not referred to at all, so far as we can see. The manual block system, as used on the Pennsylvania road, is quite fully described, but not in the best manner, the difference between absolute and per-missive blocking being rather clumsily stated. This is only indirectly an electrical subject, however, and perhans the most appropriate criticism at this point w be to recommend the omission from an electrical dictionary of all matter not strictly electrical or closely re lated to applications of electricity, and then it should be

sed with great judgment.

In the attempt to make a perfect dictionary the nu ber of cross references has been unduly multiplied. For instance, under S we find "side B of Quadruplex table." Who would ever look for "side" in searching for information about the quadruplex? The illustrations are an important and valuable feature of the work, but some of them have been put in simply because they were pic tures; they give the reader little or no idea of the con struction or operation of the device which they purpor

Notwithstanding the faults referred to, the work be of value as a hand-book, as it brings together a large amount of information not otherwise accessible in so compact a form. Persons well versed in electrical sci-ence will soon perceive the limitations of the work and will not depend upon it unduly, while novices should understand that it is to be used as a sort of guide for use in exploring other sources of knowledge rather than as a thorough encyclopedia in itself,

Rapid Transit in Cities .- In the May and June issues of Scribner's Magazine appear two articles by Mr. T. C. Clarke on "Rapid Transit in Cities." In the May article he states the Problem, and in that of June gives the Solution. In both the problem and the solution he has attempted to be general, and has examined the con-ditions found and the efforts made in most of the large cities of the world where this matter has been cor cities of the world where this matter has been considered. The articles, therefore, are decidedly worth reading. The general solution, which is indeed very general, is to design your system of rapid transit railroads in such a way that they shall radiate from the congested region into the suburbs, and so that the cars running on them can go at uniform speeds whatever the density of the population in the region through which they are passing. Therefore Mr. Clarke would recom-mended surface roads operated by electricity or cables in the suburbs; elevated roads where the streets become more crowded, and, finally, subways in those parts of the city where occupation of the streets by elevated structures and trains is most undesirable. This is the general solution. We would suggest, however, as a very great objection that so far cables and electricity have not given speed enough for the requirements of real

Mr. Clarke's special solution of the New York problem is two entirely new streets running parallel with Broad-way, one of them to Forty-second street and the other to the Boulevard at Fifty-ninth street. These streets he would make each 150 ft. wide, and in each set aside 70 ft. for a viaduct of masonry and iron. This viaduct would carry four tracks and its foundations should be carried below the street level, forming subways in which freight tracks could be laid. Of course, the cost of such a system would be colossal, but Mr. Clarke is confident the increase of revenue from taxation would in a few years meet the whole annual outlay. The 70 ft. dev to the viaduct he would lease to a company which sh build and operate the railroad. He is confident that the revenue from traffic and from rental of warehouses in the viaduct would pay interest on the company's outlay. Above Fifty-ninth street much less expensive elevated roads could be run in the centre of the Boulevard, and above Forty-second street an elevated structure could be carried up Park avenue. Mr. Clarke recommends mean while allowing the existing elevated railroads to extend

TRADE CATALOGUES.

Trought Iron and Steel in Construction. Pencoyd Iron Works, 26 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Eighth edition.

We have often had occasion to say that a good deal of the most valuable literature for engineers in active practice is to be found in the catalogues and other special publications of the manufacturers. The little ook of which we speak now is an excellent example of It has been prepared under the supervision of Mr. James Christie for the information of those who make use of the product of the Pencoyd Iron Works. The first edition was published in 1884. Since that time the changes in engineering practice, and particularly the great use made of steel for structural shapes, have made necessary the entire revision of this handbook, and for the 8th edition it has been entirely rewritten and considerably enlarged. Two hundred and fifty seven pages are given to rules, formulæ and inty-seven pages are given to rules, formulæ and tables of the dimensions, strength and various properties of wrought iron and steel shapes used as beams, struts, hafts, etc. There is a good index of 10 pages, and 43 lates serve to illustrate the sections rolled. The output of these works is unusually varied, embracing not only bridge and roof material, but turntables, axles and various other special products. In this new edition of the handbook eight pages are

given to buckled plates and corrugated flooring, givin the weights, strength, loads carried, etc., in very convenient form. Twenty-five pages are given to the special subject of iron and steel struts. Tables give the greatest safe load in pounds per square inch of cross section for vertical struts with fixed ends, flat ends, hinged ends and round ends; the tables being entered by a column expressing length divided by least radius of gyration. The tables consider built-up struts manufactured of rolled shapes, as well as integral struts. The typog raphy and arrangement of this little handbook as

TECHNICAL.

Manufacturing and Business.

The Utah Construction Co. was formed in Salt Lake City last week to do a general construction business. The officers are: Elder R. Stewart, President; Everett W. Wilson, Vice-President, and Sebastian M. Miller, Treasurer.

The Lima Machine Works announces the sale of its manufacturing plants in Lima, O., together with all the machinery, patents and good will, to The Lima Lo. comotive & Machine Co., which will have greatly inreased facilities. The management of the new co any will be practically the same as before.

The Samson Cordage Works, of Boston, Mass., has seen increasing its plant for the manufacture of "Samson" braided cord, and has recently purchased a water power near its mill, which will will be transmitted by electricity, as the present power is insufficient without the use of steam.

The Portland Company has just sold five locomotives to the Maine Central. Among other work the firm is building 50 log cars for the Saco Valley Lumber Co., and is also building a number of boilers for mills and mazu-factories. There is a great amount of repair work on hand, and a machine has recently been added for finishing car wheels, also a cleaning machine for boilers. At the annual meeting the old board of directors was re-elected and the following officers chosen: President, Franklin C. Payson; Treasurer, Byron D. Verrill; Clerk, Rufus D.

New Stations and Shops

Mansfield, O., has voted to bond the city for \$100,000 to ecure funds to procure the change of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago division terminals from Crestline

to Mansfield.

The foundations for the new Ohio River passenger and freight stations at Huntington, W. Va., have been com-menced. The contract calls for the completion of the buildings by Aug. 15.

The Baltimore & Ohio will build a new station at Clarksburg, W. Va. A new yard will also be built at that point to accommodate the receiving of freight from the West Virginia & Pittsburgh.

The Great Northern road has decided to build new shops on land secured some time ago near St. Louis Park, Minneapolis. The site is located at the junction of the Minnehaba Creek and the Hutchinson branch.

The New York, Lake Eric & Western has given a contract to build a new two story freight house, 500x30 ft. on Park avenue, Weehawken, N. J. It will be built for the commerce of Hoboken, Guttenburg and Union Hill. The contractors are Grattan & Jennings, of

The new car and paint shop of the New York, Su quehanna & Western to be located at Paterson, N. J will be 80x140 ft, and the machine shop 220x170 ft. Twelve acres of land have been acquired for the plant. The machinery will be moved into the new shops by June The other shops and coal pockets will be completed

Detroit City Council has granted the Wabash the right to occupy two streets with the new stone Union station which is being built at West Fort and Fourth streets. If the streets had remained open the building would have had to be built in two sections. The building will be 500 ft. long, 200 ft. wide, and six stories high on of the building has already reached the third

The Vacuum Brake in Austria.

According to Warsaw advices, the Warsaw-Vienna rail-road will fit up all its passenger trains with the auto matic brake made by the Vacuum Brake Co., Limited of London. Until now the Hardy vacuum brake has been mainly used by the road, but a recent government decree has made the use of an automatic brake compulsory : hence the change.

The Illinois Central Passenger Station.

Work was begun on the new passenger station of the Illinois Central at Chicago last week. The piling is now being driven to depths of from 50 to 70 ft. Timber cribbing on the top of the piling will carry the masonry foundations, the bases of which will be from 18 to 36 ins. below the city datum. The entire structure will be carried on piers having pile foundations. As we have said before, the architect of the work is Mr. Bradford L. Gilbert, of New York. He has opened an office in Chicago, where he is represented by his superintendent, Mr. J. T. Gilbert.

The Hurontario Ship Railroad.

A meeting was recently held at Toronto of persons in-terested in this project, and a company was organized by electing the usual officers. The directors appointed Mr. Tully, of Toronto, Chief Engineer, and Mr. E. L. Corthell Associate Engineer. The company holds an ample charter and surveys have already been made which are sufficient to enable a quite accurate estimate to be made of the cost of the enterprise. The promoters believe that the work will be taken up soon.

Great Northern Testing Laboratory.

The Great Northern testing laboratory recently installed at the St. Paul shops is a complete and convenient on A one-story stone building built last fall is occupie jointly by the brass foundry and the laboratory. Th building is 48 × 68 ft. In dimensions, and is a few feet from the blacksmith shops. The part of the structure set apart for the laboratory is divided into three rooms, set apart for the laboratory is divided into three rooms, viz., chemist's office, chemical testing and physical testing rooms. The chemical department is equipped for all classes of tests. It is well lighted and ventilated, and is heated by steam. In addition to the chemical apparatus the room is supplied with air pressure, exhaust, gas, etc. The gas is produced in the laboratory by forcing air through gasoline and passing the gas thus obtained through a purifying chamber. In the physical department there are three machines made by Riehlé Brothers. The large testing machine has a capacity of 200,000 lbs. and may be used for chine has a capacity of 200,000 lbs. and may be used for tensile tests of bars up to 2 in. square and to 6 ft. in length. For transverse tests it will take beams 18 in. square and 12 ft. in length. For crushing it is adapted to test cubes of stone or other material up to 6 in., and posts, etc., up to 4 ft. in length. The oil testing machine

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is of a new design and may be run at different speeds up to 50 miles an hour. A standard M. C. B. brass in a yoke bears on the journal, and may be loaded in 500-lb. increments up to 20,000 lbs. The yoke in which the brass is placed has an arm on either side graduated to foot. pounds for measuring the friction; the arms being on both sides the axle, may be operated in either direction without interfering with the record. A counter for recording the number of revolutions is provided, and pro vision is made for inserting a thermometer in the brass. The yoke for holding the brass is so arranged that a journal box may be inserted and the journal lubricated with oil and waste from below; then, by using the attachment for end motion, the conditions of actual service are stimulated as closely as possible. The spring-testing machine has been placed in the blacksmith shop, convenient to the spring furnaces, and is adapted to testing elliptic and spiral springs, including the largest locomo tive springs made. It is a hydraulic machine, with capacity of 65,000 lbs., and by means of the ram forces the springs up against the platen of the weighing levers. Mr. P. H. Conradson, who has been in charge of the testing department for nearly a year, planned the labor atory, which has been constructed and installed under his direction. Mr. Albert A. Smith, formerly with the Chicago & Northwestern, is Assistant Chemist.

The Ferguson Oil Burner.

The Ferguson oil burner was first used in the shops of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City in the spring furnace and tube welder. Lately it has been adopted by the Harris Forge & Rolling Mill Co., of Minneapolis, where oil has been substituted in place of coal for fuel. In the Northern Pacific shops at Brainerd, Minn, this burner is used in the tube welder, bolt, annealing and several small furnaces. It is to be applied to the scrap furnace at these shops and to the tube welder in the sin Central shops at Waukesha, Wis.

Great Northern Air Brake Equipment.

A portion of the motive power and rolling stock of the Great Northern is being equipped with the New York Great Northern is being equipped with the New York Air Brake Co.'s appliances. This company's driver brakes and train brake apparatus are to be applied to 57 consolidation engines now being built at the Brooks Locomotive Works, and all heavy engines passing through the shops receive the same equipment. New freight and miscellaneous cars all have the New York train peakes. The New York train signal is now being train brakes. The New York train signal is now being applied to 171 of the company's pass

New Freight Steamers for the Great Lakes

The Erie & Western Transportation Co. (Anchor Line), which operates a fleet of 15 steamers on the Great Lakes, will issue \$1,500,000 in bonds, to be used in addng three large steamships to its fleet and in improving its terminals at Erie. Pa.

THE SCRAP HEAP.

Foreign Notes.

The Paris, Lyons & Mediterranean station in Paris is bout to be enlarged at a cost of over half a million bunds sterling.

The weekly special trains from Paris to Rome, modeled in general on the plan of, and connecting with the "club trains" from London to Paris, have again been put in service. The trains leave Paris every Monday night, and are made up solely of parlor and sleeping cars with a dining car attached.

The Victorian Government state that they suspended the Railway Commissioners chiefly because the latter, though fully aware that the state lines were being worked at a great loss, denied the possibility of re-trenching, and allowed the deficiency to increase through their extravagance and mismanagement.

Electric train lighting is being tried on the Werra rail-road, in Hannover, Germany, several first and second-class cars having been fitted up for the purpose. The current is furnished by storage batteries of the Corren-type, which are arranged in boxes underneath the cars. Each car has been furnished with one 12-candle power lamp and four 8-candle power lamps.

Spanish American Notes.

Surveys are now in progress for a second line of rail-oad between Santos and Sao Paulo, Brazil, to be oper-ted by the Sao Paulo Railroad Co.

The tunnel on the railroad from La Calera to Cabildo hili, is nearly finished. This tunnel, 1,015 metres in ength, was begun about two years ago.

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The Argentine government is negotiating for the lease of the Andine Railroad to private parties. The National Railroad Board has reported favorably upon this project. The output of the coal beds near Mendoza, Argentine, is fully equal to the expectations of the owners, and the railroads are carrying out their intention of using native instead of imported coal for their locomotives.

In spite of the revolutionary troubles in Venezuela construction work on the Gran Ferrocarril de Venezuela has proceeded almost without interruption and rails have been laid between Puerto Cabello and San Blas, as well as upon the branch line from Morro to Guayos. Traffic on the Puerto Cabello & Valencia Railroad for the last week of April yielded gross receipts amounting to \$8,530.

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All the directors of the Companhia Geral de Estradas de Ferro do Brazil have been arrested, including the two English directors, Messrs. Mawson and Lynch. They have been refused a writ of habeas corpus. The Leopoldina Railroad, which was "absorbed" by the Geral company, is apparently in a hopeless condition. According to a special report by Mr. Alex. McDonnell it must advance its rates 40 per cent. to cover all the interest on its bonds, exclusive of that accruing on the Geral bonds, exclusive of that accruing on the Geral bonds, exchange for Leopoldina shares. In order to increase its traffic several branch lines must also be built.

There has been considerable comment over the announcement that the Peruvian Corporation was about to lose some of its most valuable concessions, and amongst others the famous Cerro de Pasco silver mines. Agents from Peru have visited this country and England in an endeavor to secure bids for these concessions from capitalists, with which to influence the Peruvian Congress, at its session in July next, to take action antagonistic to the Peruvian Corporation. It turns out that these agents are not officials of the Peruvian government, but are working in the interest of private parties. The contract between the government and the corporation relative to the Cerro de Pasco mines has not proved satisfactory to either parties and a new contract is to be arranged at the coming session of congress. This fact may have given hope to some schemers that the Corporation could be ousted. As the commercial and industrial development of Peru, and her entire railroad system, depends upon the Corporation it is not likely that congress will listen to a project which would place the country again in bankruptcy.

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Holland has offered to construct as an exhibit an ex-et reproduction of Henry Hudson's ship the "Half

Moon."

The H. C. Frick Coke Co. will exhibit a working model of its entire plant. Machinery will be in operation, being run by electricity. Gas will be used for oven fires, and asbestos will represent coke.

The executive committee passed a resolution against any enlargement of machinery hall and manufactures building. They say that the space devoted to these two structures is ample to contain all the exhibits they may have.

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The Pennsylvania board of World's Fair managers have made arrangements for a petroleum exhibit. An iron tank 300 ft. in diameter and 80 ft. high, covered with a glass dome, will contain the exhibit. All the processes which enter into the production of oil will be shown. Two or three wells 3,000 ft. deep will be bored outside the building.

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The great Laird dockyard at Birkenhead, England, has greed to furnish a good exhibit for the transportation ection. The naval officer detailed to organize naval and hipping exhibits throughout Europe is shortly going to clasgow to arrange for exhibits from the great shipulding industries of the Clyde. Some of the exhibits ow at the naval exhibition at Liverpool have been romised for Chicago.

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The Baltimore and Ohio railroad is having an elaborate display made for the Exposition. Is includes models of rolling stock and motive power, also models showing construction of the first fourteen miles of road, which were opened for traffic May 24, 1827, from Baltimore to Ellicott Mills. It will show the "York," locomotive built by Phineas Davis. The "wagons" or coaches the "York" pulled, and which the horses pulled before it was constructed, will be represented by models on the strap iron track. There will also be models of the "Grasshopper" locomotive. The first regular passenger coaches, or models of them will also be exhibited.

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The Select Committee (Parliamentary) which is inquiring into the hours of labor of railroad servants received lately the evidence of Major Marindin, C. M. G., R. E., one of the inspecting officers of railroads for the Board of Trade. Since the date of his appointment he had held 429 inquiries himself, on train accidents, and during the years 1888, 1889, 1890 and 1891 there were held by the three inspecting officers 257 inquiries. During the last four years he had had on 23 occasions to call attention to the fact that the hours of work of some of the men were excessive. In addition to the accidents which he himself had called attention to other inspecting officers had called attention to other inspecting officers had called attention on 24 occasions to the long hours of work, and upon 11 occasions they had reported that the servant held responsible for the accident, or partially so, had worked very long hours; upon mine occasions the accident had been attributed to some extent to these long hours of work. With regard to the practicability of legislation with reference to the hours of work frailroad servants, although he was very strongly of opinion that very long hours were an evil and must be put an end to somehow, he did not think that at present it was desirable to put any statutory limitation to their hours. Sir Henry G. Caleraft, K.C.B., Permanent Secretary to the Board of Trade, was examined by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, and said he did not think it would be desirable to attempt to limit the hours of labor of railroad servants by law; if the Board of Trade undertook inquiries into allegations of overwork and reported to Parliament, with the moral power of public opinion and the fact that there might be legislation afterward if unreasonable hours were still maintained, he believed that would have the effect of bringing to reasonable limits the hours of labor.

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In order to care for the Inter-urban business during the Republican National Convention, the electric railroad will run trains every two minutes between Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Great Northern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul will increase their train service to 32 trains for the former and 20 for the latter.

Additional tracks are being laid to accommodate the large number of special trains and cars, which will remain throughout the convention.

Raitroad English.

A correspondent who has been nosing around among documen's issued "for employés only," finds the following on the bulletin board at a certain terminal station in the cultured state of New York:

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The editors of the Railroad Ga ette are painfully aware that their sermons on theoretical and applied science in the field of railroading often fail of their best results in consequence of the lack of an appropriate text. There is no sermon ripe just now but the above text is self-illustrative. The motive for turning such a verbal somersault will probably never be known, but the subject of the notice at once suggests the possibility that its writer was trying to avoid the mistake of the superintendent who several years ago announced that on a certain holiday all freight trains "will be discontinued" and who has never ordered them put on again. He has issued similar notices every year since. The trains did resume their trips after the holiday, every time, without any order to do so. Perhaps it is this persistence that leads the superintendent to reiterate his order. For "catching on," for understanding the business, and doing well in spite of careless superintendence, the American trainman still stands in the front rank.

Tunnel Blockades.

The Coosa Tunnel on the Columbus & Western, 25 miles east of Birmingham, Ala., was found to be on fire on May 22, and at last accounts the road was still impassable. The fire made rapid headway, burning several days, and it was found necessary to stop up the ends of the tunnel so as to smother the fire. The tunnel is tim bered except for a short distance in the middle, and it is said that there is a vein of coal which probably helped to feed the fire. The burning of the timbers was followed by a cave-in near the east end, and the removal of the fallen earth seems to have required several days after the flames were sufficiently subdued to permit the work of clearing to be begun. The tunnel is half a mile long and was constructed about five years ago at a cost of about \$1,000,000.

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On the night of May 30 the roof of tunnel No. 6 on the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis near Steubenville, O., cared in, completely blockading the tracks for a day or more.
On May 31, while a large force of men were at work repairing the tunnel on the Lake Erie, Alliance & Southern, 12 miles south of Alliance, O., which caved in May 23, another large section fell without warning, burying Section Foreman Chapman and two laborers. Their injuries were probably fatal.

Old Timers.

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A meeting of much more than ordinary interest took place at Major Pangborn's office yesterday. In his preparatory work for the Baltimore & Ohio exhibit at the World's Fair the Major is clearing up history upon a good many points which have long been obscure.

Christopher Smith, who lives on Maryland Heights, opposite Harper's Ferry, is the oldest living locomotive engineer on the continent. The next oldest is Joseph York, of Meadville, Pa. Samuel Doubleday is the oldest living employé of the Baltimore & Ohio, and Wm. Ijams the next oldest. Doubleday was the first finisher ever employed in a railroad shop in the country, and entered the Baltimore & Ohio service in 1890. Ijams was not long after him, and was the first blacksmith in the company's employ. Doubleday subsequently became Superintendent of the Winans shops and Ijams foreman of the Winans smith shop. The former is \$2 and the latter 80 years of age, and both were at the laying of the cornerstone of the Baltimore & Ohio on the Fourth of July, 1828. Christopher Smith, who is over 80, began with the Baltimore & Ohio in 1831 as a driver, when there was no steam power on the road, and in 1833 was a fireman upon the "Traveller." It third locomotive placed upon the road, and a year later became the engineer of the "John Quincy Adams," one of the earliest of the grasshopper engines. York became a Baltimore & Ohio man in 1836, acting as a fireman upon one of the grasshoppers, and in a short time he was running her as engineer. The result of the interchange of memories and the combined recounting of the facts of 60 years ago was an important addition to railroad history. The old men, accompanied by Mr. Mendes Cohen, President of the American Society of Civil Engineers, who was an apprentice boy under Doubleday, went to the Merchants' Club, where Major Pangborn entertained them at lunch. Subsequently the party repaired to a photograph gallery, where several sittings were taken of the veterans, all of whom, if living next year, will be the Baltimore & O

The Wheeling Electric System.

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W. R. Kimball and A. V. Champion, of Cincinnati; L. K. Clymonds and W. W. Hazzard, of Cleveland, and A. M. Leyda and A. M. Jolly, of Beaver Falls, Pa., have purchased a controlling interest in the capital stock of the Wheeling Railway Co. and the Citizens' Railway Co., of Wheeling, W. Va., for \$90,000. The two lines have been operated jointly and comprise 20 miles of electric lines, connecting Wheeling with the suburbs of Benwood, Bellaire, Martin's Ferry, Ætnaville and Bridgeport, and traversing the city of Wheeling over two parallel streets. For lack of capital the roads and equipment have depreciated, and the transfer was made to bring more capital into the system. The capital stock will be increased to \$250,000 and a complete Thomson-Houston system put in, including new cars and trolley wires. The track is to be relaid with heavier rails and the service generally improved. New boards of directors were elected for both companies. William R. Kimball was elected President of the Wheeling Railroad and John J. Jacobs President of the Citizens' line.

A Quick Run.

A special train from Cincinnati to Toledo over the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton one day last week traversed the distance, 201 miles, in four hours and two minutes, which is a great deal faster than any trip over this road has ever been made before. The stopsimade were as follows: Troy, 4 minutes; Piqua, 2 minutes; Lima, 21 minutes for lunch; Deshler 2 minutes.

** Padding "the Mails.

President J. C. Newton, of the Des Moines & Kansas City Railroad, has been acquitted of the charge of conspiring to defraud the Government by "padding" the mails. He was arrested several months ago, and his trial was ended at Des Moines last week. Once every four years all the mails carried on railroads are weighed for a period of one month, and on the weight thus ascertained the rate of compensation to be paid the road for the four year period is based. At the time this weighing was done on the Des Moines & Kansas City it was found that large numbers of newspapers were sent and resent over the road in a way to indicate fictitious consignments. It would appear from this acquittal that the guilty man, if there was one, has not yet been caught, but the newspapers freely criticise the conduct of Mr. Newton who, they say, banqueted the jurymen who acquitted him. One dispatch says: "Judge Woolson reprimanded Newton, broadly intimating that if he had the power he would again put him on trial, and that if he had anticipated such conduct he would have set the verdict aside. He then dishonorably discharged the entire jury from any further connection with the Federal courts."

LOCOMOTIVE BUILDING.

The Brooks Locomotive Works has shipped 15 heavy freight engines to the Great Northern. They have eight drivers, a four-wheel leading truck, and have a weight on the drivers of 136,000 lbs. The works shipped on Saturday a heavy engine to the Silver City & Northern and another to the Ulster & Delaware.

Two of the new Vauclain compound locomotives, Nos. 386 and 387, have been delivered to the Central of New Jersey, and are inservice. The other two, Nos. 388 and 389, are expected daily, as the contract calls for their delivery before June 1. These locomotives are duplicates of No. 385, recently illustrated and described.

CAR BUILDING.

The Barney & Smith Mfg. Co., of Dayton, O., will soon take out a charter in Ohio as an incorporated company, the capital of which will be \$4,500,000. The organization of the new company will be completed this week.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy has contracted with the Pullman Co. to build 55 standard chair cars. The cars will be similar to those built this spring, and will have the Adams & Westlake No. 121% lating. The \$5 coaches for this road to be built by Jackson & Sharp, Wilmington, Del., will also have the same lamps.

The Ensign Car Co., of Huntington, W. Va., has commenced work on 250 coal cars for the Chesapeake & Ohio. The cars are of a new model and are to be used for carrying coal to steam vessels. They will be very nigh and short, so that a number of them can be carried on the coaling docks at once. A part of the order is to be built with the Fox patent pressed steel truck.

BRIDGE BUILDING.

Alleghany County, Md.—The County Commissioners tet in special session at Cumberland. last week, and warded to the King Bridge Co, the contracts for erect-g new highway bridges at Waterdiff, at Taun Creek at Pack-Horse.

Alton, W. Va.—The county court of Harrison County, W. Va., has approved plans for building a new iron bridge at Alton, in that county. The cost is expected to be \$3,000.

Bethlehem, Pa.—The project of rebuilding the old Lehigh bridge at this place, which was started recently, is likely to prove successful. An award of \$26,000 will probably be given to the bridge company.

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Burlington County, Pa.—The contract for a new bridge on the Georgetown Road, Burlington County, has been awarded to the Trenton Steel & Iron Works.

Cumberland, Md.—The new steel bridge, costing \$30,000, over Wills Creek at this place was formally opened last week. The bridge is a handsome structure.

The West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh has awarded to the Pencoyd Bridge Co., of Philadelphia, the contract for building a new steel trestle to extend from the station at Cumberland to the Potomac River bridge, the contemplation of which was mentioned in the Railroad Gazette several weeks ago. The work is to be finished in four mounths.

Duluth, Minn.—The Duluth City Council has passed an ordnance giving the Duluth & Northeastern railroad authority to construct a bridge across the harbor from the foot of Fifth a enue to Minnesota Point. A draw in the bridge will be about 1.000 ft. from the harbor end of the canal. The erection of the bridge will be opposed by the Marine interests.

Framingham, Mass.—Dean & Westbrook, New York, have been awarded the contract for the iron work for the new bridge on Easton avenue, over Sudbury River, by the Framingham selectmen. The contract price is \$3,200.

Little Falls, N. Y.—The south arch of the Ann street tone bridge over the Mohawk River collapsed last week nd will probably be replaced by an iron bridge. The old tructure was built in 1832. The new bridge will be 185. long and will cost about \$10,000. Another estimate ives the expense at \$25,000, and if that is found to be nore correct, an attempt will be made to rebuild the tone arch.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The Edge Moor Bridge Works have erected one set of girders and one span of the Great Northern Bridge across the west channel of the Missis-sippi River.

Moorefield, W. Va.—It is reported that the Youngstown Bridge Co. has contracted to build a bridge over the South branch of the Potomac River at "Buzzard's Ford," Hardy County, near Moorefield. The bridge is to be of three spans, 150 ft. each. The material for it will have to be hauled 27 miles over very bad roads.

Mount Vernon, Wash.—The county commissioners have ordered Engineer Stixrud to draw new plans for the bridge across the Skagit River at Mount Vernon. The plans drawn about a month ago were not accepted by the United States government. The bridge will be completed by Nov. 1. The draw is to be 283½ ft. long and there will be two spans of 150 ft. and 140 ft. each, besides the approaches.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—The Baltimore & Ohio has completed a new steel overhead structure over Julien street, in Parkersburg, at the approach to the Ohio River bridge. The bridging of Ann street was completed

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The wooden superstructure of eight rine small bridges of the Allegheny Valley road, hose spans average 60 ft., will be removed and re laced by iron.

Pompton, N. J.—The New York, Susquebanna Vestern has let contracts to build II new iron bridgo the Edge Moor Iron Works, of Wilmington, Del. Thill be located at points between Pompton, N. J., a troudsburg, Pa.

Roswell, Ga.—A mass meeting to consider the proposition to build a free bridge across the Chattaboochee River was held at Roswell, Cobb County, last week. It was decided to appoint a joint committee from Fulton Milton and Cobb counties to confer with the County Commissioners and ask for appropriations to build the

Toledo, O.—The engineers of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern last week began an inspection of all its steel, iron and wooden bridges between Buffalo and Chicago. All classes of bridges along the company's tracks will be carefully inspected.

Tonawanda, N. Y.—The new bridge on the branch of the New York Central, over Tonawanda Creek, will be 500 ft. long in five spans.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Dividends on the capital stocks of railroad companies have been declared as follows:

Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, quarterly, 1½ per cent on the preferred stock, payable July 1.

Delaware & Hudson Canal, quarterly, 1¾ per cent., payable June 15.

Stockholders' Meetings.

Meetings of the stockholders of railroad companies will be held as follows:

Chicago, Burlington & Northern, annual, La Crosse, Wis., June 8.

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, annual, Hudson, Wis., June 4.

Fort Worth & Trinity Valley, annual, Fort Worth, Tex., June 25.

Hudson Susp. Bridge & New England, annual, New York, N. Y., June 6.

International & Great Northern, special, Palestine, Tex., July 14.

Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western, annual, Mil-

Tex., July 14.

Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western, annual, Milwaukee, Wis., June 3.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie, annual, Minneapolis, Minn., June 7.

Minnesota Transfer, annual, St. Paul, Minn., June 8.

New York & New England, annual adjourned, Boston, Mass., May 31.

New York & South Beach, annual, New York, N. Y., June 7.

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Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., annual, Portland, Ore., June 20.

Paducah, Tennessee & Alabama, special, Puducah, Ky., June 15.

Portsmouth, Great Falls & Conway, annual, Portsmouth, N. H., June 6.

St. Joseph & Grand Island, annual, Elwood, Kan., June 14.

St. Joseph & Grana Island, St. Louis, June 14.
St. Louis, Allon & Terre Haute, annual, St. Louis, Mo., June 6.
St. Paul & Sioux City, annual, St. Paul, Minn., June 4.
Superior Short Pine, annual, St. Paul, Minn., June 6.

Technical Meetings.

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Superior Short Pine, annual, St. Paul, Minn., June 6.

Technical Meetings.

Meetings and conventions of railroad associations and technical societies will be held as follows:

The American Institute of Electrical Engineers will hold its next annual meeting at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, Ill., June 6, 7 and 8.

The Railroad Telegraph Superintendents' Association will hold its annual convention at the Hygeia Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Va., June 8.

The Railroad Telegraph Superintendents' Association will hold its annual convention at Denver, Col., June 15 and 16. P. W. Drew, 355 Stxty-seventh street, Englewood, Ill., is Secretary of the association.

The Master Car Builders' Association will hold its annual convention at Congress Hall, Saratoga Springs, June 20.

The American Railway Master Mechanics' Association will hold its annual convention at Congress Hall, Saratoga Springs, June 20.

The American Association of General Bayagae Agents will hold its next annual meeting at Mackinac Island, Mich., July 20.

The New England Railroad Club holds regular meetings, at the United States Hotel, Beach street, Boston Mass., on the second Monday of each alternate month. commencing January.

The Western Railway Club holds regular meetings on the third Thursday in each month, except June, July and August, at the rooms of the Central Traffic Association in the Rookery Building. Chicago, at 2 p. m.

The New Fork Railroad Club holds regular meetings on the third Thursday in each month, so January, February, March, May, September and November at such points as are selected at each meeting.

The Central Railway Club meets at the Hotel Iroquois, Buffalo, the fourth Wednesday of January, February, March, May, September and November the special resolution the next meeting will be held in April.

The Northwestern Track and Bridge Association meets or the Friday following the second Wednesday of March, June,

monthly meetings are held on the fourth luesday of the month.

The Engineers' Club of Kansas City, Mo., on the second Monday in each month.

The Engineering Association of the South holds its monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 8 p. m. The Association headquarters are at Nos. 63 and 64 Baxter Court, Nashville, Tunn.

The Denver Society of Civil Engineers and Architects holds regular meetings at 36 Jacobson Block, Denver, Col., on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 8 o'clock p. m., except during June, July and August, when they are held on the second Tuesday only.

The Civil Engineers' Society of St. Paul meets at St. Paul, Minn., on the first Monday in each month.

The Montana Society of Civil Engineers meets at Helena, Monts, at 7:30 p. m., on the third Saturday in each month.

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The Civil Engineers' Association of Kansas holds regular meetings at Wichita on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

The American Society of Swedish Engineers holds

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The Engineer's Club of Minneapolis meets the first Thursday of each month in the Public Library Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers holds regular meetings at its rooms, 112 Mansfield street. Montreal, P. Que., every alternate Thursday except during the months of June, July, Angust and September.

The Association of Civil Engineers of Dallas meets at 803 Commerce street, Dallas, Tex., on the first Friday of each month at 4 o'clock p. m.

The Technical Society of the Pacific Coast holds regular meetings at its rooms in the Academy of Sciences Building, 819 Market street, San Francisco, Cal., at 8 o'clock p. m. on the first Friday of each month.

The Tacoma Society of Civil Engineers and Architects holds regular meetings on the third Friday of each month, in its rooms, 201 and 202 Washington Building, Tacoma. Wash.

The Engineers and Architects Club of Louisville holds regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month, at 8 o'clock p. m., at its rooms in the Norton Building, Louisville, Ky.

The Association of Engineers of Virginia holds regular meetings at Roanoke, on the second Saturday in each month, at 8 p. m., except the months of July and August.

August. American Society of Civil Engineers

Extracts from the "Bulletin" of May 26, 1892.—On Wednesday, June 1, a meeting will be held at the Society House, at 20 o'clock. The papers for the evening will be on "Wind Bracing in High Buildings," by Henry H. Quimby, M. Am. Soc. C. E., and "A New Formula for the Strength of Columns," by A. J. Du Bois, Jun. Am. Soc. C. E., and "A New Formula for the Strength of Columns," by A. J. Du Bois, Jun. Am. Soc. C. E. After the meeting the usual collation provided by special subscription of resident members will be served. The paper by Professor Du Bois gives a formula which is claimed to be more accurate and to possess a wider scope than those in common use. It is based up in the length and cross-section of the column, its physical characteristics, and the end conditions. The discussion is theoretical, and results in the establishment of three formulas, respectively for long, intermediate and short columns. The first and third when plotted give curves, and the second a straight line. The constants in these are: the breaking unit stress in the outer fibre from compression, the modulus of elasticity, and one depending on the end conditions. The remainder of the paper is taken up by a comparison of results from well known experiments with those given by the formulas.

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May 4. At the meeting held this night papers were read as announced. The paper on "Tunnel Alignment" was discussed by R. B. Stanton, M. Am. Soc. C. E., who mentioned one of the difficulties in alignment which arose from a builging upward of the bottom. O. F. Nichols, M. Am. Soc. C. E., spoke of the desirability of a better light for such work than the old oil lamp. He described the work of aligning a Peruvian tunnel, which was done principally by miners on account of illness of the engineer. The headings met within two or three feet. He criticised the great amount of instrumental work done, as he considered the refinements often used unnecessary, and mentioned rough methods used to guide the workmen. J. F. O'Rourke, M. Am. Soc. C. E., described the method adopted in the Haverstraw tunnel, using reference plugs in the roof for both line and grade. J. Foster Crowell, M. Am. Soc. C. E., approved of keeping the line of sight of the level and transit out of reach of the work, and mentioned the use of a diamond drill for testing the position of the centre line from the surface above; a string being stretched taut through the whole, and its departure from a vertical calculated. A. McC. Parker described the transfer of a line down an inclined shaft, the axis of which was twisted during its excavation. The Secretary called attention to the wide range of usefulness of templates (as mentioned in the paper) for locating accurately, bearing stones, etc., without the use of level or transit, so that the presence of an engineer is not required.

May 18.—The paper on "Hot Tests for Determining Change of Volume in Portland Cement," by W. W. Maclay, M. Am. Soc. C. E., was read and was discussed at considerable length by Mr. Robert W. Leslie and J. J. R. Croes, M. Am. Soc. C. E.

ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS TO BE READ AT THE CONVENTION.

J. R. Cross, M. Am. Soc. C. A. At the May meeting of the club three new members of the READ ATTHE CONVENTION. The Black Eagle Falls Dom, Great Falls, Montana, by Maurice S. Parker, M. Am. Soc. C. E.—The author by Maurice S. Parker, M. Am. Soc. C. E.—The author by Maurice S. Parker, M. Am. Soc. C. E.—The author from the first rapid to the foot of the Falls, a distance of the walk of the shows the Missouri River at the Falls. The minimum flow of the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream is 400 cm, for a feel of the walk of the work all of which were the stream in the chief of the walk of the work all of which were the stream in the chief of the walk of the walk

them in a line or curve. He shows, however, that large losses occur generally in bars giving high specimen tests, but that bars of 60,000 to 64,000 lbs. ultimate strength show average losses of only 76% lbs. per sq. in. Other interesting comparisons are made. His conclusions are, first, that we have only to use steel with low tensile strength and the large losses will disappear. Second, that tests which give high figures in specimen tests are less reliable than those which give low ones, and do not represent the mean value of the material. Engineers are deceived by these high values and no doubt the real quality of any material is shown by the mean results.

Emergencies on Bailroad by Channing M. Bollon, M. Am Soc. C. E.—This paper is confined to three topics: First, the removal of a wreck on an ordinary cut or fill when the track is obstructed. Second, the removal of a wreck occasioned by the fall of a bridge. Third, a list of tools, material and other things which every railroad company should have at a convenient point on the line, ready for use when emergencies arise. The paper deals with the arrangement and disposition of the repairing forces, the proper methods of removing wreckage, and of erecting false-work or trestles for temporary track where it is needed.

Experiments on Iron and Steel Joints Riveted on an Angle, by Bertram B. Flint, Esq.—This paper details the results of certain experiments made on lattice bars of various dimensions, riveted in various ways to a 6 × ½ in. iron plate. The breaking load varied between the limits of 45,800 to 55,800 lbs. per sq. in. of net section. In some cases the rivets sheared, in others the plate broke between rivet holes. The specimens with reamed holes were in general the stronger. The strength per square inch of the lattice increased as the angle made by the line of rivets with the bar increased. The strength per square inch of the lattice increased as the angle made by the line of rivets with the bar increased. The strength per square inch of the lattice incre

on, and descriptive of, 15 tables which were prepared for the purpose of calculating the yield of drainage areas which have varying proportions of land and water surface.

Uniform Practice in Pile Driving. By J. Foster Covell, M. Am. Soc. C. E.—Mr. Crowell refers to the authors who have given the formulas now best known as to the bearing power of piles, and gives a diagram illustrating the variation in a particular case of the results given by sixteen formulas both as to extreme sustaining power and permissible load. These variations arise from the different methods of treating the problem. Some authors take into consideration the compressibility and weight of pile, others neglect one or both. It is not considered worth while to refine a result beyond the refinement of the data.

The Cantilever Highway Bridge at Cincinnati, by Gustave Kawiman. M. Am. Soc. C. E., and The Cantilever Span of the Dam, by F. C. Oeborn, M. Am. Soc. C. E.—This bridge was built during 1890 and 1891. Its total length is 2,966 ft., and the main cantilever span is 520 ft. between centres of piers. The roadway is 24 ft. wide, and there are two sidewalks, each of 7 ft. width. The channel span has a clear height of 100 ft. above low water and 40 ft. above high water.

Bridging Canons Lengthwise. By Howard V. Hinckley, M. Am. Soc. C. E.—This is a description of the peculiar features of two bridges. The first is in the Apache Canon of the Rio Galisteo, on the main line of the N. M. & S. P. R. R., and sections and plan of the river crossings are given, also a plan and elevation of the Arkansas River, and is known as the "hanging bridge." A view and end elevation are given. The great peculiarity is the suspension of one of the trusses from the intersections of pairs of inclined beams, which rise from abutments against the rocks on opposite sides of the canon to the point of intersection, where they abut against each other.

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The annual meeting of this association was held in Chicago last week, about 200 members being present, Mr. D. A. Waterman, of the Michican Ceutral, has been chosen President for the ensuing year and Mr. G. W. Booth, of the Baltimore & Ohio, Vice-President,

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At the May meeting of the club three new members were elected, and one application for membership was received.

In place of the usual paper on some engineering topic, Mr. E. J. Carpenter, of the United States Engineer Corps, entertained the members and ladies with a lecture, illustrated with lantern pictures, on the subject, "Photography as an aid to Engineering." The lecture dealt principally with the work performed by the dredging fleet on the Ohio River, of which Mr. Carpenter is in charge. The remainder of the evening was devoted to a light repast and to general sociability, and the whole proved an agreeable diversion from the usual programme.

The June meeting will be taken up with a discussion of a new water supply for the city of Cincinnati.

week, and will assume his new duties immediately on his return.

-Mr. H. Walter Webb, Third Vice-President of the New York Central, sailed for Europe this week. He will be absent three or four weeks, and his vacation will be devoted entirely to rest.

-Mr. George Wightman Vaillant, son of George H. Vaillant, Second Vice-President of the Eric Lines, was graduated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this week, receiving the degree of the Institute.

—Mr. Samuel Spencer, of the firm of Drexel, Morgan & Co., this week began a tour of inspection over the Richmond Terminal system. He is accompanied by President W. G. Oakman, and a thorough examination will be made of the properties, taking a week or 10 days.

—Col. James L. Morrow, General Superintendent of the Brooklyn & Brighton Beach Railroad, died at his home in Brooklyn, last week, of consumption. He was formerly a Division Superintendent on the Chesapeake & Obio. He was born in the South and had been a colonel in the Confederate Army.

—Mr. Jan K. Trnovsky, engineer of the Austrian Northern Railroad Co., is in America to study American railroads and railroading methods. He lately visited the Baltimore & Ohio shops at Mount Clare, the Steel Works at Steelton, the Columbian Iron Works and the other shipyards at Baltimore.

—Mr. V. E. McBee, formerly General Superintendent of the Central of Georgia, is now in the service of the Richmond & Danville, but has not yet been assigned to any position, says a Savannah paper. When Mr. McBee resigned it was reported that he would come north, but this seems to be unfounded.

—Major S. B. Wathen, who has been recently appointed resident engineer of the Texas & Pacific, to succeed Mr. Allen, has been connected with railroads in Texas for the last 25 years. He has been in the service of the International & Great Northern, the Texas & Pacific before this, and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and has located several lines in the state.

— Mr. T. P. Bellows, who has been Superintendent of the Illinois Central at New Orleans, has been transferred and has been succeeded as Division Superintendent by Mr. J. W. Higgins, who has been in the Illinois Central's service for 17 years, most of the time on the northern divisions. He has been Acting Assistant Superintend-ent and Master of Trains on the Louisiana division since Jan. 1.

-Mr. G. H. Thomson, Bridge Engineer of the New York Central & Hudson River, was injured in a railroad accident Monday, May 23. He was riding in the inspection engine of the General Roadmaster, Mr. Otis, together with Mr. Otis and several employés of the road. The inspection engine collided with an engine backing up the main line! Mr. Thomson's right arm was broken above the elbow, his ankle was sprained, and he was otherwise cut and bruised. Mr. Otis was also somewhat scratched, but not seriously injured.

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—Mr. Thomas Urquhart, who has been 24 years in the Russian railroad service has accepted the position of General Manager of the Nevsky Engineering Works at St. Petersburg. The works build steamships, marine engines and locomotives, and employ about 2,600 men. They have also a small open-hearth steel plant and rolling mills. Mr. Urqubart is well known to readers of the Railroad Gazette from his writings, particularly on the use of oil fuel for locomotives, which he successfully introduced on the Grazi-Tsaritsin railroad. He has also introduced there the use of compound locomotives, concerning which he has written to the Railroad Gazette within the last year.

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—Mr. John E. Henry, who died at Des Moines, Ia., early last month, was formerly a well known Western contractor and railroad officer. In early life he was an engineer in the office of John B. Jervis, and was engaged on the enlargement of the Erie Canal and other works. In 1848 he was with Mr. Jervis as a civil engineer on the construction of the Hudson Kiver Railroad. He moved to the West in 1851, and was Superintendent for the contractors of the Chicago & Rock Island, of which he was for a time also Superintendent. Mr. Henry also had charge for the contractors of the construction of the Mississippi & Missouri road from Davenport to Iowa City, and of a considerable section of the Union Pacific. After this he was Receiver successively of the Des Moines Valley, Keokuk & Des Moines, Des Moines & Fort Dodge, and Davenport & St. Paul roads. He had resided in Des Moines since 1885, but had not been engaged in active work since that time. Mr. Henry was about 73 years old at the time of his death.

—Mr. C. H. Platt, General Manager of the "Harlem

Brainerd & Northern Minnesota.—The following officers have been elected: President, John S. Pillsbury; Vice-President, George A. Pillsbury; Second Vice-President and General Manager, Ray W. Jones; Secretary, J. E. Glass; Treasurer, W. B. Ransom, and Chief Engineer, D. Forneri. The principal office is at Minneapolis.

Central of Georgia.—S. H. Hardwick, General Passen ger Agent, has tendered his resignation. W. A. Win burn, now Chief Clerk in the Traffic Manager's office a Savannah, will succeed Mr. Hardwick.

Central Vermont.—George W. Kenney, of White liver Junction, Vt., has been appointed Master Mechanic the Rutland division, with headquarters at Rutland,

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.—H. E. Pierpont has een appointed Division Freight and Passenger Agent t Winona, Minn, to succeed J. T. Conley, assigned to ther duties.

Chicago, Peoria & Southwestern.—The incorporators f the company in illinois are: James R. Lane, Canute L. Matson, Christopher O. Closters and Samuel M. Rowe, f Chicago, and Lucius Clark, of Marseilles, Ill.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific.—The stockholders of the raifroad at their annual meeting in Chicago, June I, re-elected the following named Directors: R. P. Flower, Benjamin Brewster and Henry M. Flagler, New York, and George G. Wright, of Des Moines. The Directors elected officers for the coming year as follows: R. R. Cable, President: Benjamin Brewster, First Vice-President; W. G. Purdy, Second Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary; H. A. Parker, Third Vice-President.

W. E. Dauchy, Gormerly Superintendent of the Padu-

W. E. Dauchy, formerly Superintendent of the Paducah, Tennessee & Alabama road, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance and Construction of the lines west of the Missouri River, with head-quarters at Topeka, Kan.

Chicago & Southeastern (Indiana).—J. W. Roberts, for "5 years Master Mechanic of the "Bee Line," has been appointed Master Mechanic of this road, formerly the Indiana Midland.

Denver, Texas & Ft. Worth.—The following directors were elected at the annual meeting in Denver last week: Frederick L. Ames, E. F. Atkins, Samuel Carr, F. G. Dexter, G. M. Dodge, John Evans, Morgan Jones, G. M. Lane and O. W. Munk. The attorney of the Union Pacific voted 230,000 shares for this ticket. About 8,000 shares, held by local stockholders, were voted in opposition to various measures.

Elizabethtown & Austin Springs.—The incorporators of the company in Tennessee are A. T. Cook, P. F. Logan, C. P. Toneray, I. N. Shoolbred, and S. F. Goodykountz.

Goshen Lateral.—The officers of this company are as follows: President, F. E. C. Hawks: Vice-President, Frank B. Defrees; Secretary, H. R. Whitmer; Treasurer, E. W. Hawks, and Engineer, C. R. Kinney, all of Goshen, Ind.

Great Northern.—General Manager Seargeant announces that after June 1 E. P. Hannaford, Chief Engineer at Montreal, will have charge of the Middle Division, with J. G. Macklin as assistant, J. Hobson, Chief Engineer of the Great Western Division, will take charge of the Northern & Northwestern Division, with H. Holgate as assistant.

Harriman Coal & Iron Railroad.—G. F. Simps has been placed in charge of the engineering work this railroad, with headquarters at Harriman, Tenn. succeeds J. P. Suverkrop, who will hereafter give entire time to his duties as Chief Engineer of the E. Tennessee Land Co.

Hoxie & Pocahontas.—The company has been organized by the election of the following officers: William D. Gentry, President, 100 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.; Joseph H. Moran, Vice-President and General Superintendent, Walnut Ridge, Ark., and R. D. Moran, Secretary and Treasurer, Hoxie, Ark.

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Illinois Central.—T. P. Bellows, Division Superintendent at New Orleans, has been transferred, and the present Master of Trains, J. W. Higgins, has been promoted to his place. T. S. Evans, who has been Superintendent of Tracks and Trains on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Division, has been appointed Train Master, with headquarters at McComb, Miss. W. A. Baldwin has been named to succeed Mr. Evans on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Division.

Keokuk & Des Moines.—At the annual meeting of the company the following directors were elected for three years: R. R. Cable, H. Riddle and W. G. Fisher. The last named is the only new director.

Keystone Northern.—The following are the directors of this company recently chartered in Pennsylvania: F. L. Stephenson, Allegheny, Pa., President; J. M. Porter, Allegheny; Charles E. Speer, Geo. J. Whitney, Charles Donnelly, and John Wilson, Pittsburgh, and H. W. Biddle, Philadelphia.

Kickapoo Valley & Northern.—The following are the directors: Edward I. Kidd, of Prairie du Chien, Wis. Vice-President; W. S. Manning, of Muscoda, Wis. Secuetars; Atley Peterson, Soldiers Grove; B. F. Washburn, Excelsior; Capt. W. H. Bennett, Madison, Wis.

Lehigh Valley.—Rollin H. Wilbur has been elected a director to succeed the late Ario Pardee.

Little Falls & Dolgeville.—The following are now the officers of this company: President, Carl Amann, 52 Wall street, New York; Secretary and Treasurer, E. R. Wauckel, 122 East Thirteenth street, New York, and Superintendent, Charles R. Eastman, Little Falls, N. Y.

Manchester & Lawrence.—The following directors were elected at the recent annual meeting: Charles A. Sinclair, Portsmouth, N. H.; George B. Chandler, Herman F. Straw, both of Concord; John W. Sanborn, Wakefield; George W. Armstrong, Brookline, Mass.; Elisha R. Brown, Dover; William P. Fowler, Boston. The directors organized with Charles A. Sinclair, President, and Charles B. Gafney, Clerk.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis.—G. T. Williams, Su-perintendent of Tel-graph, has resigned, and J. S. Evans, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been appointed his suc-cessor. Mr. Evans was formerly Train Dispatcher at Fort

Newport News & Mississippi Valley.—A. T. Sabin has een appointed Chief Assistant Engineer of the Western Ivision. Epes Randolph is now Chief Engineer, having zen transferred from the Eastern Division when the hesapeake & Ohio assumed control.

Niagara Junction.—The first directors of this com-ny are: Edward D. Adams, George S. Bowdoin, Charles Clark, Charles Lanier, Joseph Larocque, D. O. Mills, Illiam B. Rankin, Francis Lynde Stetson, Frederick Whitridge and Edward A. Wickes, of New York ity, and Charles A. Sweet, of Buffalo.

Northern (N. H.)—The annual meeting was held oncord, N. H., May 26. The following directors we ected: Alva W. Sulloway, of Franklin; George odd, of Concord; Silas Peirce, Benjamin P. Cheneriel H. Crocker and J. H. Benton, Jr., of Boston, as exter Richards, of Newport.

Phillips & Rangeley,—George Phillips has becointed Superintendent, with office at Phillips, Mewill have charge of the motive power, maintenanway and car departments and train service.

Pittsburgh, Lake Erie & Chicago.—The following Di-rectors of this new company were recently elected: John McKelvey, H. C. Huntington, Clarke Rude and Charles A. Judson, of Sandusky, O.

Port Townsend Southern.—At the annual meeting for the election of five directors the following were chosen: S. Smith. A. F. Burleigh, Thomas F. Bush, Charles isenbels and Thomas Jackman.

Pueblo, Gunnison & Pacific.—The stockholders held a meeting in Pueblo, Col., May 25, and elected the following directors: M. D. Thatcher, J. B. Orman, George Bell, J. N. Carlie, Robert Gibson, William Crook, F. M. Dunbaugh, Charles Henkel and R. F. Wetbrec.

Roland Park Elevated (Baltimore).—The reorganiza-on of the company was completed last week by the lection of Samuel M. Jarvis President, Roland P. onkling, Treasurer, and E. H. Bouton, Secretary. In ddition to these officers, the board of directors consists f E. L. Sheldon, Charles O'Donnell Lee, Alfred Gregory and B. M. Beardsley. The control of the road is now led by the Jarvis-Conkling Investment Co., of Kansas ity.

San Francisco & Salt Lake.—The company has been incorporated in San Francisco by Alvinza Hayward Daniel Myer, William Babcock, E. L. Steele, and E. F

Texas & Pacific.—S. B. Wathen has been appointed Resident Engineer with headquarters at Dallas, Tex., vice W. B. Allen, resigned. The Resident Engineer will have charge of bridges, buildings, water service and en-gineering departments.

Wekiva, Bronson & Northwestern.—The followin are the officers of the Suwannee River Phosphate Co which is building this road: President, M. Harrolson Secretary, W. I. Zachey; Treasurer, J. H. Porter, an General Superintendent, Charles P. Turner, Bronson

Wheeling Bridge & Terminal Company.—A. H. Olmed, of Hartford, Conn., has been chosen Vice-President this company to succeed J. Kennedy Tod, of New ork. Mr. Olmsted's name was printed incorrectly in ese columns last week. Wheelin

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION. Incorporations, Surveys, Etc.

Baltimore & Harrisburg.—A contract was let last reek to Wright & Langhorne, of Richmond, Va., for wilding the branch from Porters northeast to York. 2a., a distance of 15 miles. The new line is to extend through the southern part of York County, passing hrough the towns of Spring Grove and Thomasville. It is intended to ultimately extend the line from York east to the Susquehanna River at a point opposite Chickies, where connection will be made with the Columbia ranch of the Philadelphia & Reading. Work is to begin in the line at once, and as it will be an easy road to wild, it is expected that it will be completed early in the summer.

Baltimore & Ohio.—Contracts have been let for removing 12 trestles on the Wheeling branch between Gastonville and Washington, Pa., a distance of about 20 miles, and the ravines and valleys which they span will be filled in. When this work is completed there will be but two trestles on the branch and these are across valleys so deep and wide that it would be impracticable to fill them.

Impracticable to fill them.

Brainerd & Northern Minnesota.—This railroad, chartered in Minnesota early in May, is to be built by the Northern Mill Co., of Minneapois. The road is to start at Brainerd, and extend northwesterly toward Park Rapids, Minn. It will be about 25 miles long, extending through townships 134 and 135 in ranges 29 and 135 in ranges 29 and 30. The surveys were commenced May I. The route is through a comparatively level country, and there will be no very difficult grades. A combination wood and iron bridge will be built over the Mississippi River at Brainerd. The capital stock has all been paid in, and a bonus of \$100,000 in bonds has been issued by Crow Wing County, of which Brainerd is the county seat. Ray W. Jones, of Minneapolis, is General Manager.

Buckingham.—C. D. Langhorne, of Richmond, Va., as the contract to build this road for the Rosney Iron o. The line is to extend from Arvon, on a short branch f the Chesapeake & Obio, south of the James River, nrough Buckingham County to Rosney, a distance of bout 16 miles. The work will be light and the construction of the line will begin immediately.

Burlington & Missouri River.—It is reported that additional contracts have been recently let for continuing the extension of the line now being built northwest of Gillette, from a point near Powder River to Sheridan, Wyo., in the northwestern part of the state. It is also reported that the grading will begin beyond the Powder River this month, and that the line will be completed to Sheridan in October. The line has been graded from Gillette to Powder River, a distance of 40 miles, and about 10 miles of track has been laid. But for the bad weather the line would have been in operation to the river before July 1. About midway on the extension to Sheridan a branch of 50 miles in length will be constructed in a southwesterly direction to Buffalo. Right of way for this branch has been secured along Clear Creek.

Cammal & English Centre.—The company has a mall force of men at work on the line near Cammal, Pa.,

and it is expected to have the track laid seven miles from that point during July. The line is being built from a connection with the Fall Brook Coal Co. s road at Cam-mal northeast through a rich timber section to English Center in Lycoming County.

Chicago, Peoria & Southwestern.—The charter of this company was filed in Illinois by Samuel M. Rowe, of Chicago, and others, last week. It is proposed to construct a road from Chicago southwest to Peoria, extending through the counties of Cook, Dupage, Will, Kendall, La Salle, Putnam, Marshall, Tazewell and Peoria. The capital stock is \$5,000,000. The incorporators are local men and expect to secure township bonds sufficient to raise most of the money needed. Some aid has already been pledged.

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Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis.—The special election held in Wayne and Boston townships, Ind., last week, to vote upon the question of giving subtranch of this road from Harrison, near Cincinnati, on its Whitewater division, to Richmond, and thence to Union City, resulted in a victory for the road at Richmond, where \$17,500 was voted, but in Boston Township, where \$10,000 was asked, the bonus was defeated.

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Colorado Midland.—General Manager Colibran states that work will begin on the branch to Cripple Creek, Col., as soon as the reports from the engineers now in the field have been received, and the route is finally selected. It is claimed that the engineers have found a new pass which will save between \$50,000 and \$75,000 in the construction of the branch over previous surveys.

Deaver & Rio Grande.—A survey has been made by the company for an extension of the line at Creede, Col., to the mouth of the Nelson tunnel. The grade is four per cent.

Elizabethtown & Austin Springs.—The charter of the company was filed in Tennessee last week. The proposed road is to extend from a point two and a half miles from Austin Springs, in Washington County, on the Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago, southeast across the Wautauga River, up Butler's Hollow, to a point on the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia, thence up Lick Creek and the Wautauga River to the end of Lynu Mountain.

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Fairmont, Morgautown & Pittsburgh.—The very wet weather that has prevailed throughout the section through which this company is building has greatly hindered active operations, but this week 500 men will be put on the work. The Baltimore & Ohio has contracted with Dewing & Son, of Point Marion, O., for 1,000,000 ft. of bridge timbers to be used on the line.

Fort Wayne & Belle Isle.—The company filed articles of incorporation in Michigan last week. The capital stock is \$250,000, and the chief office is to be at Detroit. The route is not given.

Fort Worth & Trinity Valley.—New directors of this

Fort Worth & Trinity Valley.—New directors of this company will be elected at a meeting at Fort Worth, Tex., June 25. It is also proposed to authorize the issue of \$2,000,000 of bonds to build the road. In the meantime the survey will be run from Fort Worth north-westerly to a point on the Red River in Clay County, Tex., where it is proposed to make a connection with an extension of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, now being built through the Indian Territory. The line will be about 100 miles long, and will parallel the Fort Worth & Denver City for most of the distance.

Goshen Lateral.—Nearly all of the right of way has been secured for this road through Goshen. Ind., and agreements have been made with the officers of the Cleve land, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern for building the road, which will be three miles long. The route is from a connection with the Lake Shore road south to the Goshen Hydraulic Canal, and along the canal bank south to the southern limits of the city, and then east to the Michigan Division of the "Big Four." The two roads will use the new line under agreements with its officers for the business of the manufacturers along the Hydraulic Canal and in the western end of the city. For part of the distance a 7-ft. embankment will be built and four or five bridges are to be constructed, but none of the work is very difficult. Officers of the new road state that it is quite probable that the Illinois, Indiana & Iowa will build from Knox. Ind., through to Ohio via Goshen, and in that case it will undoubtedly use the tracks of the Lateral Railway. Efforts are being made to get the Wabash, whose tracks are only four miles south, and the Baltimore & Ohio, which is 12 miles south, to extend a spur to Goshen.

Gouverneur & Oswegatchie.—The locating survey has been finished for this new road, which is an extension of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg through St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and the right of was has been secured. Moffett, Hodgkins & Clarke, of Syracuse, N. Y., who have the contract to build the 12 miles east of Gouverneur, are reported to have sublet the entire work. The contractors have six months to complete the road.

Great Northern.—It is reported that this company is securing right of way between Red Lake Falls and Pelican Rapids, Minn. It is probable that the line now under construction into Red Lake Falls will be extended south to a connection with the Pelican Rapids branch, but this would require the construction of about

Hearne & Brazos Valley.—A bonus of over \$50,000 as been raised for an extension of this line from Hearne orth to Calvert, Tex., a distance of about 10 or 12 miles, ut no action has yet been taken by the company toward uilding the branch.

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Hovie & Pocahontas.—About five miles of this line has been graded from Hoxie, Ark., and three miles additional has been partially graded. The contract for the grading and tracklaying has been let to Carroll C. Hughes, of Hoxie, Ark. The road is to extend from Hoxie, Lawrence County, north, via Pocahontas and through Randolph County, to the Missouri state line, a distance of about 35 miles. The right of way has been cleared to Pocahontas, and it is expected to complete the road to that town this year. The line will extend through one of the richest counties in northern Arkansas. The work is at present delayed by high water. There will be one bridge about 240 ft. long to construct over Black River at Pocahontas, and in addition about 400 ft. of trestles to build. W. D. Gentry, of Chicago, is President.—Recently the company made a propo-

fowa Central.—Recently the company made a proposition to build into Ottumwa, Ia., on condition that the city furnish the right of way, station grounds, and a \$\frac{24}{40},000 bonus. Now the Ottumwa Land Co, offers the company a right of way over its property from the sub

urbs down to the centre of the city, giving station grounds down town, on Wapello street, instead of South Ottumwa. It is said this will suit the railroad much better and may serve to reduce the bonus asked. The tuilding of the road on this line will virtually redeem 300 acres of land in the central portion of the city, which has been subject to overfloy.

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Jalisco Pacific.—One of the New York directors of this new company says: "We intend to build a road from Manzanillo, on the Pacific coast of Mexico, northeast to Gaudalajara, a distance of about 325 miles. We take over 59 miles of constructed road from Manzanillo to Colima, from the Mexican National Construction Co., and we will build under a modified charter from the Mexican Federal and State Governments the remaining 166 miles to Gaudalajara."

Kanawha & Michigan.—Work on the extension from Malden, W. Va., to the Gauley River, where it is to connect with the Chesapeake & Ohio's Gauley River extension, was commenced last Weduesday week. The surveys were finished the day before and the contractor and his men were on the ground to begin the next morning. The work on the Chesapeake & Ohio's Gauley branch was begun a few days in advance, and work is to be pushed rapidly on both lines.

Kickapoo Valley & Northern.—This road was opened for passenger and freight traffic last week. It was built last year by the United States Construction Co., and extends from Wauseka, Wis., a station on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, about 18 miles east of Prairie du Chien, in Crawford County, north a distance of about 35 miles to Soldiers' Grove.

La Porte, Houston & Northern.—Engineer Wood-bridge has completed the locating survey for this new road between La Porte on Trinity Bay and Harrisburg, near Houston, Tex. The line will be 16% miles long, and will have very easy grade. J. F. Allen, of Lincoln, Neb., who has the contract for the grading, will begin

Little Falls & Dolgeville.—The construction on this line between Little Falls and Dolgeville, N. Y., is now practically completed with the exception of the iron bridges. This is the principal work which delays the opening of the line. There are four iron bridges on the 10 miles of new road, 51 ft., 71 ft., 200 ft. and 440 ft. long respectively. The contractors are Godeffroy & How, of New York, their headquarters at present being at Little Falls, N. Y.

Manistee & Northeastern.—The track on the exten-sion to Traverne City, Mich., has been completed for about half the distance. The line has been graded for about 13 miles, leaving about one mile still unfinished.

Mexican Southern.—The work of construction on the road from Puebla, Mex., to the City of Onjaca, capital of the state of the same name, is going forward rapidly. The line will be completed in September, when the event will be celebrated with public rejoicines in Onjaca. President Diaz and the Cabinet will attend the celebration. That part of the line already in operation, from Pueblo to Tecomavaca, Mex., is showing earnings in excess of the estimates made by the engineers at the outset.

Minnesota & Wisconsin.—The contract for building 16 miles of this line has been let to Frank Jackson, of Emerald, Wis. It will extend from Woodville north to Emerald, St. Croix County, connecting the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, and Wisconsin Central roads and affording an outlet to each for the output of the iron mines and the Eagle Furnace Co. of Spring Valley. The line south of Woodville is aiready built to Spring Valley. H. C. Truesdale, of Minneapolis, is President.

Monett. Buid Knob & Memphis.—This company was organized at Monett, Mo., last week, to build a proposed road from that point south through Missouri, and through the northern counties of Arkansas to Baid Knob, a distance of about 100 miles. The new line will extend through the valuable lead and zinc district in the northern part of the state.

Mount Jewett & Smethport.—This company was chartered in Pennsylvania May 27 to operate a line in McKean County from Smethport to Mount Jewett, 13 miles. The capital stock is \$150,000.

New Orleans & Northwestern,—The contract has been let to D. L. Bourland, Vice-President and Manager of the Dardanelle & Russellville Railroad of Arkansas, for building a short line from Bastrop to Colline, La. The line is seven miles long, and will be the extension of the New Orleans & Northwestern when the latter is extended to Collins, which work will probably be done in the fall. When these two lines are completed there will be a continuous road from Natchez to Bastrop.

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New Roads.—A new locating survey will be begun next week for a line from Dugway, Utah, west to the Nevada state line. The engineers have completed the estimates for the first division on the line from Salt Lake City to Stockton, and a party of engineers is now making a locating survey beyond that town. These surveys are for the line projected by Col. T. P. Murray, of Salt Lake City.

A party of engineers began locating surveys last week for the extension of the railroad of the Compania Carbouifera, which owns the Fuente coal mines, on the south side of the Rio Grande opposite El Paso, southeast to Lampazos and Monterey, Mexico.

At the last session of the Maine legislature a charter was obtained for a road from Camden to Lewiston, and the company was recently organized with Col. Elias Milliken as President, and F. E. Southard, Secretary. The building of the road is now being agitated, and the directors will probably arrange to begin the survey in a few weeks.

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New York & New Jersey Terminal.—The State Commissioners of the New York Land Office have approved of the application of the company for a grant of land under the bed of the Hudson River 99 ft. wide and 70 ft. deep, from West Fourteenth street, New York City, to the New Jersey boundary line, for the use of the company's railroad.

Northern Pacific.—About \$20,000 has been subscribed by the citizens of Aberdeen, Wash., to procure the right of way along the north side of Chehalis River into Aberdeen, from the proposed junction with the main line of the Gray's Harbor branch, which is being built to South Bend. The company has agreed to build a branch into Aberdeen, if right of way is secured.

Osceola, Lake & Wexford.—The charter of this copany was filed in Michigan last week, the capital stobeing \$80,000. The principal office is to be at Cadillac.

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Parkersburg Belt Line.—There are now very good prospects that a belt line will be built around the city of Parkersburg, W. Va., to connect the Ohio River Railroad and the Baltimore & Ohio and to reach the heavier shippers along the route. The project is in the hands of active citizens who have interested the railroads in it. The right of way for the line has been promised almost entirely without cost, and the project is expected to take tangible form within the next few weeks.

Pennsylvania.—W. G. Stall & Sons, contractors, of Altoona, Pa., will begin the work of building a third track along the main line from Elizabeth Furnace, near Altoona, to Fostoria, Pa., four miles, and 159 men will be employed on the contract at the start. There are three bridges in the section. The grading will be made to accommodate a fourth track.

Philadelphia & Bustleton.—The Pennsylvania began work last week on this branch line from Hart's Lane, just above the North Penn Junction, on the New York division, to Bustleton, a suburb of Philadelphia, about eight miles. It is the intention to push this work forward rapidly, and a large force of men is now engaged in grading. It is thought that before the end of the year the road will be completed. When the branch is open for traffic it is the intention of the Pennsylvania to take off of the main line the way traffic between Philadelphia and Bustleton.

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Philadelphia & Northern.—Bids for constructing this road have been received and the contract will probably be awarded in a few days. The Philadelphia Councils has passed an ordinance giving the company permission to build through the city, and most of the right of way has been secured. The new branch is a cut-off of the Reading from Wistar Station, on the Philadelphia & Germantown branch to Glenside Station on the North Pennsylvania Division. It is estimated that it will take about 10 months to finish the work. When this new road is completed it will relieve the New York Division of the Reading, especially of traffic bound for points on the North Pennsylvania Division; it will also shorten the distance from Philadelphia to Glenside two miles.

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Philadelphia & Reading.—The company has built a spur 1½ miles long, from the new Creacent Oil Refinery, at Chester, Pa., to connect with its read below Marcus Hook on the Delaware River. The line was built to head off the Pennsylvania, which had begun to build a line from a connection with its road through Chester to the Delaware River front, crossing the Reading tracks. Last winter there were several encounters between the laborers of the two roads. The branch of the Pennsylvania is built up to the point where it is proposed to cross the Reading tracks. So far the Reading has been able to prevent the crossing being made.

The Philadelphia, Newtown & New York road, which is operated by the Reading, is preparing to make extensive improvements, in anticipation of greatly increased traffic, when it shall be connected with the Reading tracks at Logan station and its trains are running to Twelfth and Market streets. Houses in the way of the connecting link, which will be about 1.5 miles long, are being removed, and the work of construction will soon be begun. All streets will be crossed by overhead bridges. The road will be an easy one to build, and it is expected to have it finished by the time trains make use of the terminal station.

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Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore.—The company has begun the construction of two additiona tracks on the Union Railroad from Biddle street, Balti more, to Bay View Junction, four miles from the Union Station in Baltimore.

Pittsburgh, Akron & Easters.—President W. A. Lynch, of this road, states that the locating surveying for the Akron & Eastern, the proposed eastern extension from Akron, O., to New Castle, Pa., is about completed, and grading will be commenced in a few days. The officers expect to have the road ready for traffic this

Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati & St. Louis,—The third track between Medway, Pa., and Gregg, O., seven miles, is nearly completed and the third and fourth tracks are being laid between Crafton and Camp Hill. The double track now extends from Pitteburgh to Fernwood, and from Bowerston to Denison, O., with the intermediate space to be filled in.

Pittsburgh, Lake Erie & Chicago.—This compa which was incorporated in Ohio recently, has be organized by C. A. Judson and others of Sandusky, and they state that they intend to make the road of a new route between Pittsburgh and Chicago. line in Ohio will extend through the towns of Ober Medina, Akron. Alliance, New Lisbon, Sandusky, poleon and Bowling Green.

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Potomac Valley.—At the last meeting of the directors of the Western Maryland it was reported that the Cherry Run extension was nearing completion at a very satisfactory rate, and that the extension could probably be opened by June 10. The track is down as far as McCoy's Ferry, nine miles from Williamsport, Md., and there remains only four miles more to lay. The Potomac River bridge, consisting of five spans of 140 ft. each, is completed, and the trestling that was blown down a few weeks ago will be completed by the time the remainder of the line is ready for use. All the bridges are now finished except a single span over the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, and such progress has been made on the terminals at Cherry Run that they will be finished ahead of the other work.

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New York & New Jersey Terminal.—The State Commissioners of the New York Land Office have approved of the application of the company for a grant of land under the bed of the Hudson River 99 ft. wide and 70 ft. deep, from West Fourteenth street, New York City, to the New Jersey boundary line, for the use of the company's railroad.

Niagara Junction.—This company was incorporated at Albany, N. Y., May 27, with a capital of \$300,000, to construct a standard gauge road to be operated by steam, electrical or pneumatic power. The road is to be constructed from Quay and Erie streets, Niagara Falls, to a point in the town of Niagara, where connection will be made with the Lockport branch of the New York Central & Hudson River road.

will be under way within six weeks, and the road will be

in running order by January.

St. Louis, Chicago & St. Paul.—The organization of this company was completed at St. Louis this week. It was chartered in Illinois early in May. Henry O'Hara, of St. Louis, is President. This company will purchase the bluff line, or St. Louis, Alton & Springfield, at the Receiver's sale next month, and will then extend it from Alton to East St. Louis. The Wabash interest in the property was sold recently to the syndicate represented by Henry O'Hara and Post, Martin & Co., of New York.

San Francisco & Northern Pacific.—Work was commenced recently on an extension of the Fulton & Guerneville branch across the Russian River and through the red wood timber district in Sonoma County to the Meca lumber tract. The iron bridge over the Russian River will be over 400 ft. long, and the trestle approaches on either side will be over half a mile long.

san Francisco & Salt Lake.—Articles of incorporation were filed in California last week by this company,
which is to be one of the divisions of a new route between San Francisco and Salt Lake City. The California
charter is for a line 250 miles long, to the Nevada State
line. This is only one of nearly a dozen companies orgenized in the last few years to build a competing transcontinental road. None of the projects has ever got
further than having a survey made for a comparatively
few miles. The local papers still, however, keep right
on publishing editorials to show the necessity of a competing line between the coast and Utah, and to prove
that the building of such a line very soon is probable.

Scattle, Sidney & Gray's Harbor.—A preliminary survey for this road will probably be started in a few weeks. A reconnaisance has already been made from Sidney to the upper end of Hood Canal. The route is then to be either along that channel to Union City or across to Shelton, continuing in a southwesterly direction to a point on Gray's Harbor. The distance will be about 80 miles from Sidney to Gray's Harbor. It is proposed to establish a line of steamers from Seattle to Sidney, a distance of 16 miles, to run in connection with the railroad.

Shickshinny & Huntingdon.—The charter of this company was filed in Pennsylvania last week. The company is to build through Luzerne County. The capital stock is \$60,000.

southern Pacific,—Grading is practically finished on the line from Collis to Fresno, Cal., a distance of 14 miles, and the tracklaying is progressing rapidly. When the work is completed the line will form a connecting link between the West Side branch and the company's main ine at Fresno. Tracklaying on the reconstruction now mader way at Dragon Summit will be completed in a lew days. Grading has been finished. This line will be ready for operation within two weeks. A large force of men is at present employed on the new road from Bakersfield, Cal., to the asphaltum beds, a distance of 48 miles. Grading has been finished for a distance of the miles and tracklaying is going on rapidly. The line will not be in condition for operation before next September.

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Tintic Range.—Amended articles of incorporation have been filed in Utah for the extension of the line from Tintic northwesterly through Juab and Tooele counties to near Dugway Pass and the Dutch Mountain mining district, to the Fish Springs mining district and to Deep Creek, at the Nevada State line. The total distance is about 225 miles. There is no immediate prospect of the building of this extension or of any line beyond Tintic. The company is now consolidated with the Rio Grande Western, which has exchanged the \$2,500,000 new common stock, recently authorized, for the stock of the Tintic Range.

Toledo, Walhonding Valley & Ohio.—The construction of the middle division of this road, which was placed under contract last fall, is now reported to be practically completed, and trains may be run over the line within 60 days. The road is now being built from Loudonville southeast to Coshocton, O., a distance of 46 miles, connecting the Ft. Wayne and Panhandle divisions of the Pennsylvania. This will complete a line from the coal fields in southern Ohio to Toledo. No other work is now under contract, but surveys have been made east of Coshocton.

Trinidad & Grey Creek.—J. R. De Remer, a railroad contractor of Trinidad, Col., states that he has just contracted to build a road from Trinidad to Grey Creek, Col., a large mining district tributary to Trinidad, Work will begin at once.

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West Virginia & Pittsburg.—The bridge over Elk River on the Gauley extension is almost completed and a work train was taken over it last Thursday. This bridge has been holding back the work beyond the Gauley River, which will now be pushed with all possible rapidity. Tracklaying on the Pickens division of the Buckhannon River extension of this road has been completed, and Blodgett & Co., who were doing the work, have removed their camp to beyond the Elk River bridge. A contract has been made with the Wrought Iron Bridge Co., of Canton, O., for the erection of a number of bridges on the Gauley extension.

Wheeling & Connellsville.—The engineers have

Wheeling & Connellsville.—The engineers have nished the preliminary surveys of the route cast of Vellsburg, W. Va., and are at work compiling the data reparatory to deciding upon further steps to be taken.

Wisconsin. Bee Line & Superior.—A first mortgage made in favor of the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., New York, was filed at Fond Du Lac, Wis., last week. It is reported that over \$1,000.000 of the bonds have been negotiated in New York. C. D. Smith, of Fond Du Lac, is

Yakima & South Coast.—Track on this branch of the Northern Pacific has been laid to within half a mile of the heavy cut at the summit near South Bend, Wash., the Pacific Terminus, where 27,000 yards of earth and rock is to be removed. Orders have been issued to prosecute work on this cut night and day. Track has been laid to the top of the mountain divide, about 36 miles west of Chehalis, leaving about 20 miles to be finished before the line is completed.

GENERAL RAILROAD NEWS.

Canadian Pacific.—In order to carry out the order of the new Canadian act the company invites subscriptions for £2,000,000 four per cent, perpetual consolidated de-bentures at 101, bearing interest from July. The object of the issue is to acquire obligations bearing higher in-terest of which the company is the principal gauranteer.

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Jan. 1 to April 30: Gross earnings.... Oper, expen.....

Surplus....

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.—The gross earnings, operating expenses (exclusive of taxes and rentals) and net earnings of the railroad and its auxiliary lines for the month of April were as follows:

Railroads owned and controlled		Gross earn.	Cper. expen.	Net earn. Mi	Net earn. Mileage	
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		153,276	111,090	42,186	567	
Total, Atchison system St. Louis & San Francisco. Roads jointly owned with Atchison		82,869,043	\$2,048,174	\$820,800	7,127	
		\$477,394	\$294,140 \$183,254		1,328	
		147,976	207,555 20,4		538	
Total, 'Frisco sys- tem		\$625,370	\$401.695 \$223,675		1,864	
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Chicago Great Western.—Chairman Stickney, speaking this week of the reorganization of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City, said: "The proposition is to convert the income bonds and stock of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City into the common stock of the Chicago Great Western, the second mortgage bonds into preferred stock, and the first mortgage bonds into preferred stock. The plan also contemplates the raising of \$3,000,000 in cash against a like amount of preferred stock at par in the nature of a voluntary assessment on the income bond and stockholders, to which, as has been said, more than two thirds have assented."

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Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern.—The transfer of this road to Jay Gould in accordance with the agreement made over a year ago will probably soon be accomplished. The suit of the Northwestern Construction Co., which bailt the road, against Mr. Gould has been discontinued, a compromise having been made. The road was built in 1887 and 1888, the main line running northwest from Kansas City to Virginia, Neb., 149 miles, the total mileage operated being 235 miles. The road was placed in the Receiver's hands in March, 1890, in a suit for foreclosure brought by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., of New York. The company at that time had issued \$3,750,000 of bonds, about \$1,400,000 of this being held in New England and the balance by the Northwestern Construction Co. The securities held by the latter were transferred to Jay Gould with the exception of about \$4,400,000, the validity of which was disputed. The suit was brought to compel him to accept these bonds.

New York, Lake Erie & Western.—The following is

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Net earn		\$734,037 196,232	\$75,045 23,007
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New York & New England.—The adjourned annual meeting, May 31, has again been adjourned, this time subject to the call of the chairman. The adjournment was made at the request of President Parsons, who stated that the Board of Directors had considered the question of securing an independent entrance to New York City, but wanted more time to perfect plans.

Oshkosh & Mississippi River.—The stock of this company held by the city of Oshkosh, Wis., amounting to \$75,000 par value, has been transferred to the Chicago. Milwaukee & St. Paul, which purchased it at 12½ cents a share. The road extends from Oshkosh east to hipon, Wis., 20 miles, and was built in 1871, and leased soon after to the St. Paul, which guaranteed the interest on the bonds.

Pennsylvania. The following is the statement of

Gross earnOper, expen		1891. \$5,379,003 3,770,460	Inc. \$367,727 238,139
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in gross earnings of \$453,711, and a decrease in net earnings of \$42,504. For the four months ending April 30 the gross earnings show an increase of \$1,947,335, and the net earnings show an increase of \$519,333.

Philadelphia & Reading.—The statementings for April, 1892, as compared with the smoof 1811, shows the following results:

Gross receipts	1892.	1891.	Inc. or dec.
	\$1,701,441	\$1,610,323	1. \$91,115
	1,012,674	\$23,871	I. 88,863
Profit in operating	\$688,767	\$686,455	I. \$2,312
	50,756	35,498	I. 15,258
Profit for month	\$739,523	\$721,953	I. \$17,570
Expen. for pevm. improv	8,760	50,445	D. 50,685
One-twelfth fixed charges .	625,000	611,769	I. 13 231
	\$633,760	8671,214	D. \$37,454
Surplus	\$105,762	\$50,739	1. \$55,023

injunction.

In Pennsylvania Commissioners have been appointed to take testimony in the case brought by the state against the companies, and hearings will be given at Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

phia, New York and Boston.

Richmond & West Point Terminal.—Drexel, Morgan & Co., of New York, have agreed to make an examination of ihe affairs of the system with a view to proposing a plan of reorganization. The firm was asked to undertake the rehabilitation of the aystem by the committee, including W. E. Strong, Samuel Thomas and W. P. Clyde, which was appointed by the security holders on the same day that the failure of the Olcott Committee's plan was announced. Spencer, Trask & Co. and Kessler & Co., representing large interests also made similar requests to Drexel, Morgan & Co. The committee of security holders, in its letter to the bankers, recited that from various causes not necessary to be specifically enumerated, the affairs of the company had become seriously embarrassed, and the vast interests which it represents are threatened with the danger of receivership and disintegration. The committee believes that a plan can be devised which would save the property from disruption and loss, consequent upon needless litigation, and the firm was requested to take up the matter and appoint a committee to suggest a plan of reorganization which, in its judgment, would be fair and equitable to all interests involved.

St. Louis, Alton & Spring field.—Judge Creighton, in

St. Louis, Alton & Springfield.—Judge Creighton, in the Illinois State Circuit Court, at Springfield, has issued a decree of foreclosure in the case of B. F. Johnson against the railroad company, and has ordered the road sold. This is the result of an agreement between the railroad company and the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., of New York, holding \$1,200,000 first mortgage bonds, and the Atlantic Trust Co., holding second mortgage bonds of \$300,000. The lowest bid must be \$450,000 or there will be no sale.

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Smithtown & Port Jefferson.—A judgment for \$1.070,522 against this company obtained by the Long
Island Railroad was recorded last week. The road was
built by a number of citizens and the town of Smithtown to connect with the Long Island road, and an
operating contract was entered into on March 20, 1871.
It is for non-fulfillment of this contract that judgment
was obtained in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn a few
days ago. The Long Island recently settled with the
town of Smithtown by paying \$5,000 for its interest in
the road. By virture of the judgment the Long Island
will obtain complete control of the Port Jefferson
branch.

Western New York & Pennsylvania.—The contract under which trains of the company were run over the Lake Shore tracks from Oil City to Stoneboro, Pa., which expired about 18 months ago, has been renewed, and went into effect June 1. The Lake Shore concedes the right to the company to make local stops, which it was not allowed to do under the old contract.

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Western Maryland.—It is the purpose of the company to resume interest payments to the city of Baltimore, July 1, upon the following bonds of the company: Six months' interest on \$43,300 first mortgage 6 per cent. bonds; upon \$178,500 preferred second mortgages 6 per cent. bonds; upon \$178,500 preferred second mortgages 6 per cent. bonds; upon \$41,704,000 3½ per cent. city stock; upon \$225,330 6 per cent. funding certificates, and upon \$684,000 4 per cent. city stock, making the total amount of interest \$54,825. Last winter offers were made by the Baltimore & Cumberland to purchase the city's interest in the road. This led to the introduction of an ordinance in the Council providing for a resumption of interest payments by the company as of Jan. 1, provided the Mayor and the City Council would agree to give no consideration to any proposition for the purchase or lease of the road during a period of five years. It is asserted that the company will be able to demonstrate in a much shorter time the ability to pay regularly its entire interest obligation to the city.

East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia.—The request

East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia.—The request for an injunction for a Receiver for this road has been refused by the Chancellor at Knoxville. The injunction was asked to prevent the consolidation of the road with the Richmond Terminal properties, and the application was made a few weeks ago by local stockholders holding only a few shares of stock.

TRAFFIC.

Chicago Traffic Matters.

earn......\$6,027,882 \$5,931,148 \$906,734

The Trans-Continental Association and the Southwest-form of the Same month in 1892, show an increase ings here this week. The latter association is at work Co

on the proposed new agreement, which, if adopted, as now proposed, will materially change the machinery of the association by dispensing with the services of a chairman and placing the affairs of the association affair, and the hands of an executive board of three with full power to make rates and manage the association affairs. Indications are that the eastern and western lines will soon come to a better understanding in regard to several matters of difference between them. The recent decided stand taken by the western lines in meeting the cuts of the "Sco" line on wool has hastened matters. The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and the Michigan Central asked to be allowed to participate in the wool traffic which was being consigned east over the Chicago & Grand Trunk. This was granted by the western lines after these central traffic lines had agreed to re-establish the prorating arrangements westbound which were discontinued about a year ago. The other central traffic lines are still inclined to stand out, but will probably wheel into line.

The Commissioners of the Western Traffic Association give notice of a session of the Board June 9, at which time, among other subjects, they will reopen the question of divisions via Illinois junction points and the application of Mississippi River and Peoria rates. This gives the Burlington an opportunity to present additional arguments in the matter of divisions via Heardstown and Chapin, which was postponed by the Advisory Board at the New York meeting on account of the absence of President Perkins.

No announcement having been made of the adoption of the new agreement on transcontinental passenger commissions, which was draw up at the last meeting of the Commission to secure the necessary signatures of the presidents before June I, it is evident that some of the lines have refused to signit. As the Atchison, Topeka Casanta Fe agreed to suspend its proposed reductions in second class rates only on condition that the agreement should be adopted, it will now probably put th

Traffic Notes

The Baltimore & Ohio is running emigrant trains through from Baltimore to Chicago by way of Pittsburg and over the Pittsburg & Western Railroad.

A law has been passed and approved in Kentucky quiring separate accommodations in passenger tra for negroes, the same as in various other South States. It goes into effect 30 days after the adjournm of the legislature.

The two Pullman car conductors who were arrested and tried in Louisiana for giving accommodations to negroes in sleeping cars, have been acquitted. The State Supreme Court decided that the passengers were interstate passengers, and that the State law, requiring separate accommodations for the two races, is unconstitutional so far as it applies to such passengers.

The April report of the Alabama Car Service Association, shows that the average detention on all cars handled was 1.1 days. It will be remembered, from a recent note in these columns, that this association handles a large number of unineral cars, which are unloaded very promptly. The April report shows that 9,800 cars handled at stations in the Birmingham District were detained by consignees only .84 day each.

The Philadelphia & Reading has modified its regula-tions concerning the stopping of grain at junctions to swait orders for change in destination. This privilege had been freely granted, until the wholesale dealers of Philadelphia abused it, and it was finally withdrawn a few weeks ago; but the company has now concluded to hold such cars two days without charge, and seven days as a maximum, though regular demurrage will be charged after 48 hours. after 48 hours.

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Two members of the Interstate Commerce Commission held a hearing at Minneapolis last week on the complaints of millers of that city concerning rates on wheat from Red River Valley, which are alleged to be lower, proportionately, to Duluth than to Minneapolis. It was shown that the rate on flour from Minneapolis to Duluth in 1884 was 15 cents per 100 lbs., and in 1885 it was reduced to 7½ cents. Since then it has been lowered to 5 cents, and now the millers claim that the present rate of 7½ cents is 2½ cents too high. The millers also complain that the railroads are hauling wheat from 80 to 150 miles further to reach Duluth than to Minneapolis, at the same price. It was brought out during the hearing that the mills of Minneapolis in 1880 produced 2,000,000 barrels of flour; the business increased until in 1891 the output was 8,000,000 barrels, and it is anticipated that the product of 1892 will be 9,000,000 barrels. It was shown that 80 per cent. of this is shipped via the great lakes. During the hearing a number of railroad men, millers and other manufacturers testified, and on Saturday the hearing was adjourned to be taken up at Washington before the full Commission at an early day.

Virginia Coke for Mexico.

A shipload of coke has recently been sent from Norfolk, Va., to Tampico, Mex. This is Pocahontas coke from the ovens on the lines of the Norfolk & Western. The shipment is made as an experiment. Mexican iron foundries have heretofore drawn their main supplies of coke from Wales, though a little has been sent from Colorado.

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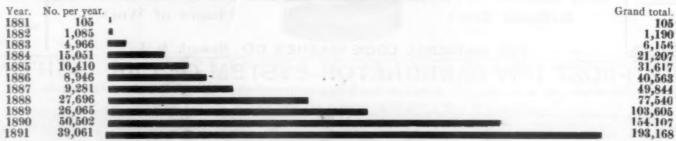
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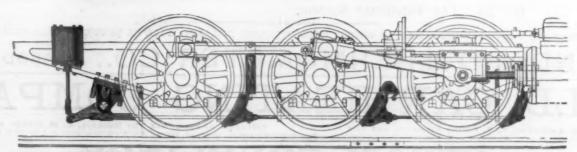
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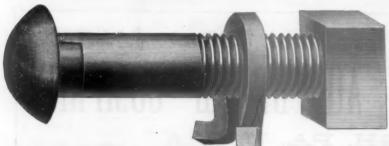
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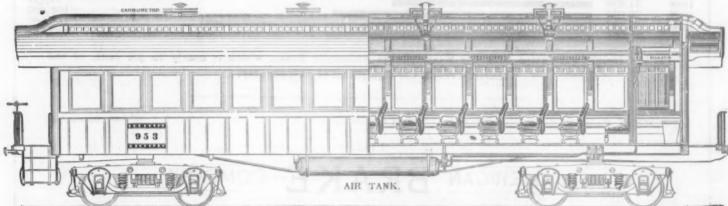
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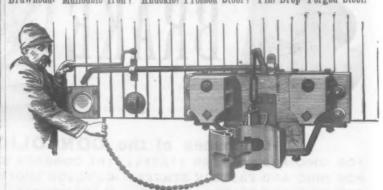
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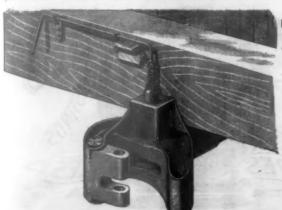


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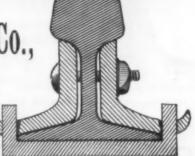
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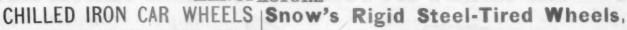


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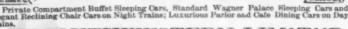
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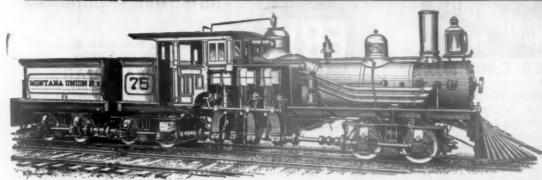
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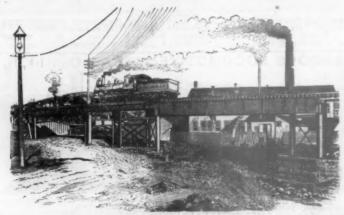
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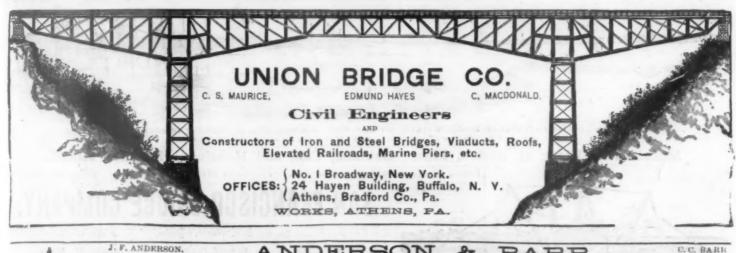


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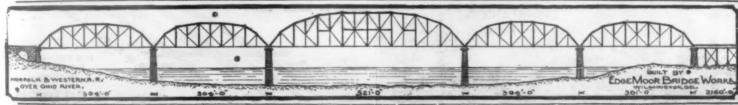
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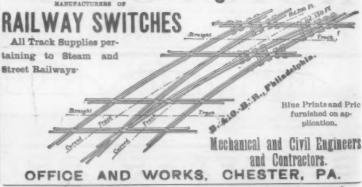
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